

## Polish ministry thru

- FM Radio
- Internet
- Music
- Evangelistic and follow-up courses

# CCM media Update



## Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

Do we really make a difference? By broadcasting on our radio stations, promoting Internet outreach, writing thousands of e-mails, it is so easy to create own "bubble", be busy, have meetings, get into routine. But do we, (despite all the statistics,) make a tangible difference in life of people we know? Can we talk to them, check their situation?

Just yesterday I have received a text message from one of our e-coaches who for two years has struggled with life-threatening cancer. She spent several months in hospital suffering greatly, many were praying for her. Yesterday she heard the final diagnosis – she is totally healthy! Praise the Lord!

Now she wants to correspond with people who face a similar challenge. Yes, we know not everyone will be cured, but her understanding of people suffering cancer is so much deeper!

We were connected with at least 20 people who wanted to commit suicide. Again, at least in part due to prayers solicited on our "text message chain", none of them have done it! In fact, several found the Lord.

Yes, testimonials of people whom God has helped give us even more passion to introduce Christ to others.

## Outback family camps

It reminds me one of the statements heard recently at JH Ranch (Outback) camp in California: "There are no marriage problems, there is only a problem of your relationship with the Lord" Pretty radical! But there is a lot of sense in it!

Last Sunday I have received an e-mail stating, that US Outback movement is officially welcoming Poland as a next International partner (after Israel and Kenya). Wow, we are so happy about it – as we want to help people in their real needs – family problems are such a common denominator! So we prayerfully look into this new opportunity to connect with seekers who look for a help in their marriages.

Outback is much more than camps. It is all based on weekly men's prayer meetings and accountability groups for those who are serious about deepening their Christian faith. Then, twice a year, camps that are to help resolving family relationship problems. This movement has already made an impact in thousands of lives.

How will it fit to our existing "Looking for God" platform? Very well, I believe! We connect, over Internet, with thousands of seekers, but then – when they have confirmed their decision to follow the Lord and grow in a fellowship - comes a time for a small group... We promote now "Christianity Explored"

and "Alpha Groups", but they are more a temporary action (last 10 weeks). Outback meetings are an on-going, interdenominational platform that can create an environment for a sustained growth. It may also prepare people, through many personal friendships, to find a local church.



Outback Family Camps soon coming to Poland



## Internet developments

Our partners in Holland and France have changed the server and software environment of "Looking For God" and "Why Jesus?" Web pages. This will relieve us of some of the administrative burdens of our own site.

Great news. My son, Filip, has returned safely from a year of studies in Los Angeles and from 1 September, has started to work in our recording studio. He will share the duties with resident engineer, Czarek.

Filip is also responsible for the technical supervision of all Internet projects, this includes writing new pages, filming, writing sound tracks and maintenance.

He is a godly person, we expect a lot of positive input from him.

Recently, Szczepan and Adam, (two of our Internet

development guys) visited our Jesus.net partners in Switzerland, to learn and implement Polish language widgets, offering short version (4 video clips) of the main "Looking For God" page. It is to be placed on all individual pages of our friends, churches, organizations, and to drive more traffic towards our e-coaches. The Swiss friends were very hospitable



Software development team

and shared all their expertise - thank you very much!

## The Truth Project

Some of you will remember that we have been working for a long time on the placement in the Polish language of the Focus on the Family "The Truth Project" - a 12 DVD small group discussion course dealing with the intellectual subject of a Biblical world-view. The work is progressing all the time, most of the material is translated and we hope to launch it in November this year.

The great news is that even now, as our translator was using it with a group of English speaking students - it was enthusiastically received! There is even an opening to start a World-view class at

Krakow University based on this material! One of the students already got saved, many are deeply interested. So please, pray that we may finish the production and add it to our basket of top quality evangelism/follow-up tools.

## Radio CCM and Radio FEST

Summer is usually slow on radio, there are fewer announcements, more music is played and many of our regular listeners are on holiday.

Still, we are building new audience for author and speaker Chuck Swindoll's "Insight for Living", (in Polish, of course). It is a great material that we also plan to use as a training resource for our e-coaches.

The main challenge for the radio now is to regain the listeners lost during summer vacations, rekindle the audience growth and increase advertising revenue.

Growth is extremely important for us, in order to achieve ultimate goal of financing all our projects from Radio income.

Krzysztof's daughter, Zusia, has been working at the radio station as a secretary for several weeks, now. (It's encouraging to see the children following in their parent's footsteps).

## Epilogue

We are very grateful to our Lord. We see His hand leading us and want simply to let Him guide us, step by step.

Once again, many thanks for standing with us. Prayers make all the difference! We commit you to our Lord!

Henryk.



Jesus.net widget



Some more „Outback” photos

## Looking For God statistics

### August 2011 Polish “Jesus.net” statistics

Total visits	32 297
First time visits	24 844
Decisions	5 416
Requests for follow-up	466

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### Overall - Since July 2008 Polish “Looking For God” statistics

Total visits	1 506 900
First time visits	1 132 200
Decisions	191 321
Requests for follow-up	21 027

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## Radio CCM & Radio Fest

Total weekly audience 550 000

## Please PRAY

September prayer requests

- 1 Forming a “core group” to develop and start in Poland Outback ministry. There are many interested, still, we need God’s wisdom to select right people
- 2 Good implementation of the surveys, as developed by Clarity Research friends, that are to be placed on the net in September;
- 3 Progress in bringing to an end the work on The Truth Project material.
- 4 Developing content for the “Christian to the core” (C2C), ARCH+ in Polish, discipleship web page
- 5 Training of new leaders for (C2C) in Malenovice, Sept. 17 – 19, and History Makers camps (in Poland and Czech Republic)
- 6 Preparing training for new leaders of Christianity Explored (OCH! in Polish) to be held in October
- 7 God’s grace in obtaining more funding for our projects. Several applications are to be decided with in September

## Thank You LORD

Progress on August prayer requests

- 1 My health has improved, after my quad bike accident in July...
- 2 Outback ministry officially started in Poland.
- 3 Filip joining our staff.
- 4 Good trip of our two guys to Switzerland
- 5 Progress with the Truth Project
- 6 We have received needed funding! Wonderful response to many prayers! Thank you, Lord and all dear friends!
- 7 Yes, we have rested during Summer months!

## Meet our Staff



# Zuzanna Budzisz

radio temporary secretary

**Home is** where I rest, a shelter from urban noise and crowds. To be a home it must be full of love and family warmth, that gives one a sense of security.

**My best childhood memory is** about wedge-heeled shoes. After months for dreaming about them and leaving post-it notes saying, "I dream of wedge-heeled shoes", or, "If I get those shoes I will never ask for anything else", my parents decided to buy them for me. Amazingly, as a child I thought the shoes would give me joy forever. (I wish it was true!)

**School years** were a time of discovering oneself and learning about others. After hours writing an essay which then had to be rewritten it was a lesson in humility. But was also a carefree period of great dreams.

**I felt I was an adult when** I got my first driving licence. Suddenly, I felt responsible for me and for other drivers on the road.

**A book that inspired me** was "Unconditional Love" by Francine Rivers. It gave me an understanding of

what it means to love unconditionally.

**In the kitchen** I love to experiment, mixing all colours of vegetables and many sorts of cheese. Cooking, if done with passion, can be a great adventure.

**I am most annoyed** by slowness, indecisiveness and lack of punctuality in others.

**What I value most** in life is God and His Word.

**When I listen to music** it can move me to a different reality, cool or feed my emotions, make me cry or make me laugh.

**The future** is unknown for me (a feeling I love). I believe in God's plan and the great surprises that He has prepared.

**I'd like to be remembered for** who I was, not for what I had done. I wish I could love people more and always be ready to help and encourage them.

**Happiness is** a taste of heaven. When I think about all the tragedies and troubles in the world I realize that without them we wouldn't appreciate the good

times.

**I can't imagine home without** the kitchen and the big table in the living-room.

**I try hard to avoid** misunderstandings and arguments.

**I would like to change** my impatience, being judgemental and thinking badly of people. I would like to be brave, self-confident and always remember how highly God values me.

**Until now I haven't** visited Israel.

**In the near future** I will be completing my studies.

**For me, Jesus is** my personal Saviour, best friend and King. He is my rescuer and my hope. No one understands me better than He does. He is the purpose of my life.

**I work in Radio because** my apprenticeship here gives me a great opportunity to work with people and get in-depth experience of how the company really works.

## Letters

A random selection of mail received during September 2011

I am living in sin. For over half a year I have not confessed my sins, not participated in Holy Communion. I feel very bad about it, I still go every Sunday to church. We plan to marry next year, but how can we live now? Will God ever forgive me?

Aniela.

Jesus, I commit to you all my life, all my problems and those few joys I have. Please, save me from myself, I want to follow your path...

Krzysztof.

I am a believing Christian, but I need help and encouragement from another person who would understand my situation. I am a homosexual, I am not accepting nor tolerating that, I have closed myself to all outside relations, I am scared of reaction of my family, I am pretending I am someone else. My weakness and loneliness has brought me towards depression, I am crying to God but hear no answer. Can you help?

Adrian.

I write to you from the depth of my heart. Thank you so much for the "Why Jesus?" course and for helping me to make the most important decision of my life. You'll remember that wrote that, for various reasons, I had left the church, but you helped me to see that I must have fellowship with other believers. I took your words seriously and prayed about it a lot.

Sensing God's presence, I picked up the 'phone and called my former pastor. We met, I felt released, I apologized for my rough words and bad behaviour - I felt 100% better, really released. My pastor was weeping, too.

I am so thankful to God for His guidance, now I want to obey Him fully. The glory belongs to Him, but a big thank you for your inspiration. May the Lord bless you.

Krystyna.

I am a teacher in a Christian school. How to interpret all the magic events, like Narnia, like the Harry Potter books? How to combine normal schooling with the spiritual growth that I would like to see in the children?

Kaja.

Our correspondence, based on "Why Jesus?" (WJ) has really clarified my life ideas. I've discovered a purpose in my life, here on the Earth. I was really lost, just concerned with my ego. I fell into depression. Now, based on the Scriptures and prayer -

I want to refocus and live an abundant life in Christ. I am convinced such material (WJ) is a tremendous help in the life of everybody - nonbeliever and struggling believer. Meeting in the quietness of my home with the living God and His word, for an evening quiet time; it allows getting close to God and refreshing my relationship with Him. Love

Anna.

It is good of you to write to me. I am praying and reading my Bible every day and I sense a change in myself. My husband has found a job (an answer to prayer), his salary is low but at last there is light at the end of the tunnel.

You have introduced to me so much warmth and hope, that I have trusted my life to God and accepted salvation. Yes, I believe through prayer and conversation with God all can be accomplished. I have hope, I know the future will be better... love

Zofia.