



OM IN POLAND 2024-2025

From Crisis to Movement

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Hope is Rising

Another year of war. Another year of displacement. Another year of uncertainty for millions.

For many in Central Europe, life feels like a constant struggle—wars don't just destroy homes; they shatter dreams, uproot families, and leave deep scars. The refugee crisis isn't a headline—it's a reality. At the same time, our region faces its own battles: social division, rising secularism, and a growing number of people who have never heard about the hope found in Jesus.

And yet—hope is rising.

This past year, we've seen people find safety, friendship, and purpose. We've watched lives transform—through shared meals, healed hearts, whispered prayers, and bold new beginnings. We've seen resilience in the face of loss, generosity in the face of need, and love that crosses every border. We've seen vibrant communities of Jesus' followers emerge and develop in the most unexpected ways.

Jesus said, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35 ESV). That's exactly what we've been doing - together. Whether through practical aid, trauma support, or conversations that change everything, we've witnessed people rediscover dignity, faith, and a future.

The need is huge, but so is the opportunity. What if this moment isn't just about a crisis—but about a movement?

As you read this report, I invite you to step into these stories. To see the impact. To be a part of something bigger. And while the world is shifting, we focus on love, truth, and hope found in Jesus. They change everything, and they're unstoppable.



Weronika Czajko

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Field Leader, Poland



Communities Reshaped

Poland, positioned at the heart of Central Europe, has long been a bridge between East and West, shaped by a history of resilience and change, and its traditionally Catholic culture. Since its transition to democracy in the 1990s, the country has experienced rapid growth, yet societal shifts—changing demographics, deepening divisions, and a growing spiritual void—highlight the need for renewal.

Recent years have brought an unprecedented wave of migration, particularly from Ukraine, Belarus, and beyond, reshaping communities and presenting both challenges and opportunities.

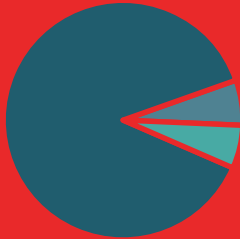
Amid this transformation, a small but committed community of Jesus followers—just 0.3% of the population—is stepping in, building spaces of belonging and support. Hundreds of towns remain without a vibrant community of faith, making discipleship and outreach more crucial than ever. In this moment of upheaval, Poland is not just a place of need—it is a place of possibility, where faith, compassion, and action shape a new movement that will impact Central Europe.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

\$770,748

FUNDS RAISED, 2024



FUNDING SOURCES

- GIFTS, INTERNATIONAL 81%
- GIFTS, POLAND 5.5%
- OTHER 5.5%
(institutional grants, sales)

All data refers to projects conducted or implemented directly by OM in Poland between Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2024.

\$960,459

TOTAL EXPENSES, 2024



EXPENSES

- PROJECT COSTS 64%
- PROPERTY PURCHASE 36%
(paid in full 2024, without a loan)

\$42

Average annual cost per participant

OM IN POLAND / 2024 IMPACT OVERVIEW

14,678

Individuals impacted

4,778

Hours of services

63+

Nationalities welcomed

50,662

Volunteer hours

Partnership Opportunities

As we celebrate the fruit of the many breakthroughs, amazing global partnerships and obvious miracles from God we've seen in 2024, we also look ahead; strategically planning our impact for the future.

We want to be prepared to face growing needs among the refugee population and the continued challenges among the locals who struggle with their own identity and have difficulty integrating such great numbers of displaced people.

We pray God will continue to use our presence to bring LOVE, HOPE and FAITH, shaping vibrant communities in reach of everyone. We make ourselves available to see a crisis turn into a movement.

GOALS FOR 2025

- Maintaining a continued presence while many organisations withdraw; building a long-term support base for our workers.
- Expanding operations at the Psalm Counselling Centre.
- Strengthening mentoring and mobilisation for missions, involving both international short-term volunteers and local churches.
- Growing teams to support non-Ukrainian refugees, guiding new disciples to become disciple-makers.
- Developing Refugee Hub programs, including opening a café that will serve as a platform for short-term employment and discipleship for refugees.

*We invite you to walk alongside us
as we remain present where the need
is great, equipping communities to care,
disciple, and build lasting hope.*

Our Commitments

We imitate Jesus and participate in holistic, Kingdom transformation of all life and creation as we cultivate a biblically just and diverse community; with strategic innovation in our ministries, we remain in mutual commitment to the cause of Christ and care for people.

- **MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

We continually assess our work, learning and adapting to better serve our mission.

- **ACCOUNTABILITY**

We uphold responsible stewardship, reporting to our local Board, OM Leadership, and the communities we serve.

- **SAFEGUARDING**

We ensure safe environments, training staff and volunteers to prevent and respond to harm effectively.

- **HOLISTIC CARE**

We are committed to listening, learning, and adapting our practices to ensure the well-being of our community members.

- **SACRIFICIAL SERVICE AND URGENCY**

Above all, we commit to serving sacrificially, loving tirelessly, and sharing Christ's redemption with urgency.





*For even the Son of Man did not
come to be served, but to serve, and to
give his life as a ransom for many.
Mark 10:45*

1 LOVE EXPRESSED THROUGH COMPASSION

Inspired by Jesus, who “came not to be served, but to serve” (Mark 10:45), we are committed to compassionate, practical expressions of God’s love.

PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE

With 59% of refugees in poverty and 38% unemployed (UNHCR, 2023), the need is immense. We offer essential aid, social and economic support—all while preserving dignity and instilling hope.

TRAUMA-INFORMED SUPPORT

Many refugees carry deep burdens, with 19% facing severe mental health challenges and 45% showing signs of trauma or PTSD. We provide counselling, emotional support, and activities that address both spiritual and psychological wounds, offering care to those who feel weary and heavy-laden.

Care Fair Aid Distributions

In times of displacement, essential needs go beyond food and clothing. Dignity, choice, and recognition matter just as much. Care Fair fills this gap by offering refugees—primarily from Ukraine (98%), as well as Belarus and Afghanistan—a personalised way to receive aid. Instead of one-size-fits-all donations, participants are invited on designated days to select what they need from multiple categories: new clothing and shoes, hygiene products, household goods, and children's supplies.

The impact extends beyond material support—participants repeatedly express appreciation not just for the items but for the respect, warmth, and humanity they experience.

Care Fair also fosters a sense of community, where practical assistance leads to deeper connections. While focused on aiding Ukrainian refugees, we welcome volunteers from different backgrounds, including refugees from the Middle East, Africa, and Central Asia, in a space of kindness and shared purpose. Through acts of service and mutual support, Care Fair creates moments of learning, and spiritual growth, turning simple aid into meaningful relationships.

3,569

Aid packages distributed in 2024



Full Circle at the Care Fair

Khrystyna

I walked into the Care Fair that Tuesday with low expectations. I needed food, maybe some clothes for my daughter. What I didn't expect was how much I needed people. At first, I hesitated at the entrance. A room full of people, languages blending into a hum of activity.

A volunteer greeted me with a warm smile. "Tea?" she asked. I nodded, grateful for something simple, something normal. Around me, people talked—Ukrainian, Polish, bits of English, Russian, Persian and Spanish. Women like me, trying to start over.

I left with a bag of essentials, but what stuck with me was a conversation with another refugee. She had been in my place months before and now helped others. "It gets better," she said. "And when it does, you'll want to help too."

She was right. A few months later, I stood on the other side of the table, handing out food, offering that same reassuring smile. I wasn't just surviving anymore—I was part of something. As I've discovered, I found myself in a community motivated by love, coming from a very real person - Jesus himself. And that changed everything.



OpSAFE for Children

Imagine a child who no longer smiles, who shies away from play and struggles to trust again. For refugee children who've experienced war and displacement, this is a daily reality.

OpSAFE meets these children exactly where they are—with gentleness, understanding, and a clear-eyed awareness of their pain. Through thoughtful, trauma-informed activities such as storytelling, art, music, and play, OpSAFE helps children rediscover safety, reclaim their lost childhood, and begin to trust again.

OpSAFE focuses on meaningful relationships and genuine emotional recovery rather than quick fixes. Parents regularly share stories of remarkable transformation, but there's no magic formula—just compassionate presence and consistent, patient care.

What makes OpSAFE truly precious is its profound impact when it is presented by local communities, all across the country.

By integrating simple, relatable stories that introduce children to biblical truths, OpSAFE not only addresses immediate emotional wounds but gently invites children into a deeper narrative of hope and healing. In doing so, it becomes a doorway to lasting change, enabling these young lives to grow resilient, and anchored in faith.



TRAUMA RECOVERY

670

Children impacted in 2024

56

Adults trained

ASSESSMENT* RESULTS (POLAND AND UKRAINE):

15% of children had slight or nonobservable trauma symptoms, 68% were categorised as having mild symptoms, and 17% had more severe symptoms.

97.6% of the children with more severe symptoms made significant progress with reduced trauma symptoms and increased well-being.

** Conducted on day 1 and day 5 of the programme*





I Found My Son Again

Olha

Before we came to Poland, my son used to be happy, full of energy and laughter. But after the war started, everything changed. He became angry, aggressive, and withdrawn—like someone I didn't know anymore. Doctors told us to wait, that things would get better, but they only got worse. Then, after just one day at OpSAFE, he hugged me tightly for the first time in months, smiling and singing again. 'Thank you for giving me back my son,' I told the volunteers. Somehow, in those gentle games and stories, he rediscovered joy—and I found hope.

Changed Forever

Max

I volunteered expecting to help children, but I never anticipated how deeply this experience would affect me personally. Seeing these children transform so profoundly, finding joy and connecting with each other, reminded me why we do this. OpSAFE didn't just help them—it changed me, too, showing me the powerful simplicity of genuine care and the quiet strength of God's love in action.

Psalm Counselling Centre

Meeting refugees arriving in Warsaw, we quickly realize they carry with them invisible wounds that no border crossing can erase. War, persecution, and displacement take a deep toll on individuals and families.

In Poland, thousands of refugees suffer from PTSD, depression, and anxiety, but mental health services are stretched thin, and most available help is only in Polish. Many refugees simply have nowhere to turn.

That's why we opened the Psalm Counselling Centre—a space where healing begins in the language of the heart. In the Psalms of the Bible, raw, unfiltered emotions are laid bare before God—grief, anger, fear, but also hope, joy, and resilience. That's what this centre is all about: It's where pain meets compassion, and where the weary can draw strength to keep going. One couple, on the verge of separation due to the stress of displacement, shared after several sessions: "Conflicts and disagreements are now easier to resolve. For the first time in a long time, we feel like we're on the same side again."

The need is staggering. Studies show that 1 in 3 refugees suffers from PTSD, depression, or severe anxiety—rates much higher than the general population. Suicide risk is also alarmingly high, especially among asylum seekers who feel trapped between past trauma and an uncertain future.

Psalm Counselling Centre is one of the few places in Warsaw where counselling is offered in Ukrainian, Russian, English and Persian, allowing people to open up without a language barrier and be heard by Jesus-loving professionals. For many, it's the first time they've truly been able to process their pain.

Even though the need is far greater than what we can currently provide, Psalm has already become a refuge for those seeking restoration and hope - every week brings new stories of transformation.

Since its opening in October 2024, Psalm Counselling Centre has been offering free sessions to 7-10 clients each week, with the numbers steadily growing.



I Didn't Need to Translate Pain

Aliona

I never thought I'd need a place like Psalm. I was always the strong one—the one who held things together, who kept going no matter what. Back home in my country, I was a teacher, a mother, a wife. I was the person others came to for advice, for comfort. But when you have to run for your life, it changes everything.

Life in Poland is safe, but it's not easy. The nights are the worst—when my son is asleep, and I am alone with my thoughts. My chest tightens, my hands shake, and I can't breathe. Some nights, I barely sleep at all. I tried to talk to a doctor, but she only spoke Polish, and I couldn't find the words to explain what was happening to me. So, I stopped trying. I told myself to be strong. But the weight of it all—the war, the loss, the uncertainty—was crushing me.

Then, someone told me about the Psalm Counselling Centre. They said it was a place where I could talk to someone in my own language. I almost didn't go. What was the point? What could anyone possibly say to change what had happened?

But from the moment I walked in, I felt something different. It wasn't cold and clinical—it was warm. Safe. The therapist spoke to me in my language, and for the first time in months, I felt like I didn't have to translate my pain. I could just share, and she understood.

Slowly, I started to unpack everything I had locked away inside me. The panic attacks didn't disappear overnight, but I learned how to breathe through them. I learned that what I was feeling wasn't weakness—it was grief. It was trauma. And it was normal.

One day, an OM worker offered me a small copy of Psalms in my language. She told me that for generations, people had cried out to God in these pages—pouring out their fears, their anger, their sorrow. But also their hope. I started reading, and something shifted. I used to think I had to carry this pain alone. Now, I know I don't. And that has made all the difference.



Medical Programme for Children

For Ukrainian children living in foster care or orphaned by war, health challenges can quickly turn into silent crises, unnoticed by wider society.

Our Medical Care programme breaks this silence by actively removing barriers to healthcare—arranging doctor visits, providing essential medications, and delivering emotional support exactly when it's needed most. Every doctor's appointment or prescription secured becomes a quiet but powerful affirmation: someone cares deeply.

In 2024, we stepped into critical moments for 26 children and two dedicated carers, enabling them to access essential medical treatment and emotional support. Each appointment scheduled and medicine provided wasn't just a service—it was a statement of value and compassion.

Through partnership with SOS-Children's Villages, the programme ensures these vulnerable children experience care, and a fresh start towards a more hopeful future.

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Children given access to medical care

A Miracle for Little Vlad

Olesia

For months, I watched my foster child struggle, frustrated by a diagnosis that didn't seem right. We were lost—trying everything but seeing no improvement.

Through the opportunity to join the OM medical program, everything changed. We were finally able to access specialist care and, for the first time, we received an accurate diagnosis. Suddenly, my child's struggles made sense, and unnecessary procedures could stop.

With clarity came relief and renewed hope. Now I know exactly how to support him, helping him grow stronger and happier every day. For the first time in so long, we feel empowered, and most importantly—hopeful. We've experienced a miracle from God!



Flood Relief

In September 2024, catastrophic floods swept through southwest Poland, displacing thousands and devastating entire communities. Roads collapsed, homes were destroyed, and towns were left without power. For the first time in history, the government declared a state of natural disaster. While emergency services focused on restoring infrastructure, countless families were left struggling—many with no insurance, no resources, and nowhere to turn.

Together, we took action. We delivered seven industrial-grade dehumidifiers, which were made available free of charge through a local Christian leader in Kłodzko, ensuring fair rotation among those who needed them most. We also supplied community leaders with pressure washers. A van full of essential appliances reached the most vulnerable—people like a single mother caring for her disabled child, who lost everything overnight.

Alongside practical aid, we provided high-quality sanitizing supplies and helped organize community support and pastoral care for those overwhelmed by loss.

But the impact didn't stop there. As local believers came together to serve, something shifted. Barriers broke down. A new, vibrant church community emerged—built not on words, but on action, trust, and shared commitment. This wasn't just relief work. It was a turning point.



Watch a video:





ACTION POINTS

Thank you for all you have done to make this labour of love a reality.

In order to continue this essential work, we need committed partners who will:

PRAY:

- For healing and restoration of hope among people who lost their homes and communities.
- For each child to recover in a safe, supportive environment.
- For our team members, who make themselves available to mourn with those who mourn.

GIVE TOWARDS:

- Care Fair aid packages - \$16 per person
- Psychological support - \$55 per consultation

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JOIN US – WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Professional counsellor/therapist (different languages)
- Finance personnel to manage projects and grants



HOPE FOUND IN COMMUNITY

Isolation is one of the most painful challenges faced by displaced and marginalised people. Refugees, often the loneliest in society, experience separation from loved ones and familiar support networks. Our mission is to foster vibrant, supportive communities where Jesus' command to "love one another" comes to life

Following Christ's example of dwelling among us, we invite people into our lives, share meals, and model a life of faith. By living among those we serve, we create authentic community spaces where spiritual growth can happen naturally, embodying John 1:14 in both presence and action.

*The Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us
John 1:14*

Dom Kultur Community Centre

In the heart of Warsaw, Dom Kultur is more than just a meeting place — it is a home for those seeking belonging, restoration, and hope.

It was born out of a pressing need: thousands of people arriving in Poland, struggling to find a place where they are not just visitors, but welcomed as part of a community. Language barriers, cultural isolation, and emotional wounds make integration difficult, and Dom Kultur exists to bridge that gap.

At its core, Dom Kultur is a meeting place where stories intersect. Through language classes, creative workshops, support groups, and faith discussions, it provides practical help—but also much more. It is a place where refugees and locals share meals, where teenagers rediscover joy, where women find their voices again, and where seekers explore faith freely, without pressure or fear. Every program is designed not just to teach or serve, but to restore dignity, rebuild trust, and rekindle hope.

What makes Dom Kultur unique is its deeply relational approach. It is not a service provider; it is a living, breathing community where people are seen, known, and valued. There is no divide between "helpers" and "recipients"—everyone contributes, everyone belongs.

Here, friendships form across cultures, faith is explored in an atmosphere of trust, and transformation happens in the simple moments—over coffee, through laughter, in shared silence, or in whispered prayers.

At Dom Kultur, every person matters. Every story is sacred. And every step forward—whether learning a word in a new language, finding the courage to speak, or discovering the love of Christ—is worth celebrating.

**Watch a video
to visit now!**





COMMUNITY

7,800

Participants in 2024

30

Weekly programs

34,615

Volunteer hours

- Language learning & integration
- Creative & cultural activities
- Community & social support
- Youth & family engagement
- Health & well-being
- Spiritual growth & discipleship

The first time I joined the language class at Dom Kultur, I felt like a child again, hesitating over each word, embarrassed by every mistake. But the teacher was patient, and my classmates encouraged me. Now I speak the language fluently and can I teach others! - Alex

Before coming to the Youth Club, I spent most evenings alone. That night at TeenStreet, for the first time since leaving my country, I laughed with people my age. A few weeks later, we celebrated someone's birthday with cake and music. It wasn't even my birthday, but when we took a group picture, I finally felt like I belonged in it. Now, Fridays are now my favourite day of the week. - Mila

For a long time, I had questions I couldn't ask. Back home, conversations about faith, doubt, and Jesus were off-limits. But here, in the Bible Discovery Group, I finally found space to speak. - Youssef



A World of Stories and Smiles

Noah

We drape the room in international flags, filling the space with colour, laughter, and the aroma of global snacks and drinks. The attendees—seniors who have experienced the challenges of displacement—gather, ready to explore something new. This isn't just a journey through geography; it's a space for stories, music, and moments of genuine connection.

As an international volunteer, I have the privilege of taking them to places they've never been. One week, we explored Singapore—its futuristic skyline and hidden gardens. Another week, we uncovered Venezuela, not just its breathtaking landscapes but the resilience of its people. Often, our conversations go deeper—stories of persecuted believers risking everything to follow Jesus, of faith tested but never broken. These stories resonate. Many in the room know what it's like to live under pressure, to feel alone, to wrestle with life's biggest questions. Yet they remind us that God is at work in every corner of the world, in ways we often don't see.

But what truly makes these mornings special isn't just the presentations—it's everything in between. The laughter over authentic Indian chai. The stories that turn strangers into friends. The warmth of a familiar face, week after week.

Being part of this programme has challenged my understanding of what God can do through a short-term mission and through volunteers who often do something like this for the first time. Even in my short time, I've watched hesitant newcomers become regulars. I've seen someone linger after a session, reluctant to let the conversation end. And I've certainly seen faith grow, week by week.

As we hear what God is doing in distant places, we begin to recognise Him more clearly in our own lives. His faithfulness and power aren't just for others—they're for us too. And that's what I love most about these mornings—watching hearts change, little by little, in ways that last for eternity.



From Grief to Grace

Luda

At first, it was simply a support group. A place where we, Ukrainian women—many of us widows—could sit together, drink tea, and speak freely. We carried the weight of war, the loss of our husbands, the fear of an uncertain future. But in this space, we could breathe, cry, and find comfort.

What began as a place to share, slowly became something more. As trust deepened, so did our conversations. One day, someone asked, “Could we read the Bible together?”—and we all nodded. We didn’t open Scripture out of habit, but out of honest desire, searching for something solid to hold onto.

We began to pray—not just in crisis, but as part of our daily lives. Oksana, our leader, is younger than most of us, yet she carries a wisdom that steadies us. Through her, we are learning that God is not distant—He is here, and He cares.

Now, we are more than a support group—we are a community of faith. We meet not only to share our burdens but to seek God together, study His Word, and pray for one another. Some of us are now stepping up, inviting new women to join, and offering support to those still struggling. What began in sorrow is now a movement of healing, faith, and new beginnings.



Restoring Hope in Refugee Hostels

In the crowded rooms and corridors of refugee hostels, isolation can be profound. Many refugees are invisible to wider society, forgotten amidst the bustle of daily life. Recognising this deep need for connection and care, our Response Team has chosen to step into these overlooked spaces, offering consistent presence, friendship, and practical support to individuals and families navigating the complex journey of displacement.

Our team's unique strength lies in its international composition—volunteers who cross continents to serve “the least of these”. These diverse team members vividly demonstrate to refugees that they are seen, valued, and remembered. Their willingness to travel, listen, and share moments of joy becomes a tangible reminder that God hears their needs and is close, even in times of profound uncertainty.

Throughout 2024, our Response Team connected with at least 1070 children and adults in 5 different locations, bringing warmth, stability, and encouragement into their lives. Each interaction, from games and crafts to heartfelt conversations and Bible lessons, has reinforced a powerful message: you are not forgotten.

Watch a video
to see them in action



Learning to Trust

Danylo

At first, I didn't talk to anyone. The hostel was noisy, and I was too afraid to play with other kids. But then Joel came and sat next to me. He showed me how to catch a ball, patiently, without getting angry when I missed. Soon, instead of fighting, I was laughing. One day, they taught us a song about a great big God, and even after they left, I kept singing it. I wait for them every week, excited to see my new friends. I'm even picking up English, and I can't wait to show Joel how much better I am at catching the ball.

A Moment of Peace

Yulia

Life has been difficult since we fled home. I worry about my children—especially Sofia. When she told Eden that we might have to go back to Ukraine, Eden gently reminded us that God is bigger than our fears. That simple thought gave me peace for the first time in months. Watching Sofia dance outside with volunteers and seeing her smile again, gave me hope. When they left that day, Sofia hugged them tight and gave Eden a bracelet. For a moment, our lives felt normal, and I knew we are not on our own.”





UKRAINIAN HOSTELS

1,070

Participants in 2024

6,048

Volunteer hours

Welcome to our non-stop (almost) short-term program! It is made of a puppet theatre, a soap workshop, Louis the dog, hundreds of international volunteers, loads of flexibility, and even more love. Check [OM.ORG](https://om.org) for details.



- Creative & Cultural Activities
- Community & Social Support
- Youth & Family Engagement
- Language Learning (English)
- Sports and Relaxation
- Prayer & Bible Lessons
- Health and Child Protection

Migrant Factory Workers in Kutno

The past year has marked a significant shift in the focus of the Kutno team, now actively serving migrant factory workers, particularly from Spanish-speaking countries like Colombia.

As these workers arrive in their town seeking better opportunities, many face unexpected hardships—language barriers, unstable housing, and a lack of community. The team has stepped in to provide both practical and spiritual support, from helping families with administrative tasks, to language lessons, worship and cultural events. The need is substantial, but so is the opportunity to build Jesus-centred communities among those who often feel isolated and forgotten.

Beyond meeting urgent physical and social needs, the team has deepened its discipleship efforts. The team has also formed strong local partnerships, such as advocacy efforts with municipal authorities to ensure children can attend school despite language barriers. Through perseverance and prayer, they have created spaces where faith can flourish across cultural and linguistic divides.

Over the past year, Kutno team has reached many new individuals. Through Christmas celebrations, discipleship groups, and one-on-one ministry, they have witnessed people discover the hope of Christ. By equipping local leaders and expanding their reach, they are laying the foundation for a movement of vibrant Jesus-following communities that will continue to grow in Kutno and beyond.

A New Beginning

Osman

When my wife, Carol, and I arrived in Poland with our young son, we never imagined how hard the journey would be. Leaving Colombia in search of stability and opportunity, we struggled with a new language, an unfamiliar culture, and the challenge of starting over. With no support network and constant rejection—especially when trying to enrol our son in school—our hope began to fade.

But God had other plans. Thanks to the dedication of the team in Kutno, we found not just practical help but also a welcoming community. After months of advocacy, our son and another Colombian child were finally admitted to school—a breakthrough that lifted a heavy burden.

At the same time, Carol and I became part of a growing group of migrant believers, meeting regularly for Bible study and fellowship. No longer feeling lost, we are now stepping forward to support others in the same situation. What began as a desperate search for a better life has become a testimony of faith—and a new calling.



ACTION POINTS

Hope, friendship, and transformation happen in these communities—and you can be a part of it.

Whether by volunteering, giving, or sharing, your support makes a difference. We need committed partners who will:

PRAY:


- For all isolated people on a refugee journey to form meaningful relationships.
- For more educational opportunities for refugee children.
- For a new, more reliable team van.

GIVE TOWARDS:

- Community meals at Dom Kultur - \$15 for one group
 - Costs of a family or cultural event - \$300 - \$900 / event
- KMP 0001802791 Serving Refugees from Ukraine - Poland*

JOIN US - WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Café manager, passionate about business and discipleship
- Personnel officer and volunteer manager
- Spanish-speaking church planter



*And He said to them: Follow me,
and I will make you fishers of men.
Matthew 4:19*

3 FAITH GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship lies at the heart of our mission. Many of those we serve have never engaged with Scripture, and we create opportunities for them to explore the Bible and experience its life-changing power.

We walk alongside individuals on their spiritual journey, nurturing their faith and equipping them to disciple others. Our commitment to long-term growth aims to build vibrant, multiplying communities of believers who live out love and thrive.

We invest in raising leaders from the communities we serve, equipping them to share the Gospel and serve within their cultural contexts. Our vision is to see these leaders impact their communities and the world, spreading God's Kingdom one life at a time.

Mehmon: a Welcome Guest

In the shadows of Poland's refugee crisis, beyond the headlines of Ukrainian displacement, there exists another, often invisible group—refugees from Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Iran, and various African nations, many of whom arrived through Belarus.

They have no special legal status, no fast-track to protection, and no established support system. Instead, they face pushbacks at the border, indefinite detention, language barriers, and deep social isolation. Many of them come from unreached people groups, carrying the weight of displacement, cultural alienation, and, for some, the trauma of religious persecution.

This is where Mehmon Team steps in. The name, meaning "guest" in Farsi, reflects its essence: radical, Christlike hospitality. In a context where many refugees are treated as problems, or threats to be turned away—Mehmon offers a different story. It is a place where refugees are perceived with dignity, where friendships form across cultural and religious divides, and where practical needs—basic necessities, administrative help, language learning, and community—are met with genuine love and care.

But Mehmon is more than just a humanitarian response. It is a space of spiritual awakening. Many who connect to our workers

have never met a follower of Jesus before. Some come only seeking clothing, work opportunity, or language lessons—yet, in the warmth of relationships, they begin to ask deeper questions. Through shared meals, conversations, and acts of kindness, they encounter the Gospel woven into everyday life. Slowly, some begin to see God not as distant, but as present and personal, breaking through cultural and religious barriers in ways no argument or debate could.

At its core, Mehmon is a living reflection of the Kingdom of God—a place where the marginalized are honored, where barriers of nationality and culture are bridged, and where refugees become family. Here, they are not only guests; they are seen, known, and loved.

5,032

*Volunteer hours of
faithful presence in 2024*



A Familiar Celebration, a New Discovery

Fatmeh

When I stepped into Dom Kultur's Nowruz celebration, it felt like stepping back home. The scent of saffron and fresh herbs filled the air, tables were decorated with the traditional "Haft-Seen" table, and for the first time since arriving in Poland, I felt something I had been missing—familiarity.

As we laughed and shared memories of Nowruz from Afghanistan, Iran, and beyond, something unexpected happened. One of the volunteers stood up and explained why light and renewal are such important themes in many cultures. They connected it to something I had never thought about before—Jesus' words about being the Light of the World.

I had always seen Nowruz as a celebration of new beginnings, but that night, I began to wonder—could this be pointing to something bigger? The traditions I loved weren't just beautiful customs; they carried echoes of a story I had never explored.

Since that evening, I've returned to Dom Kultur—not just for the celebrations, but for the conversations that followed. I want to learn more. About faith, about Jesus, and about whether this new beginning is something meant for me, too.



From Waiting to Purpose

Ali

Back in Chechnya, I stood on my own feet. Here in Linin, I felt like a shadow—waiting, always waiting. No home, no work, just days slipping by.

I observed people in OM vests coming, but didn't understand why they visit us in the camp. Then one day Jayne sat next to me. No questions, no pity—just conversation. She shared a story about hope in exile. I laughed it off, but later, I kept thinking about it. The group kept coming back. They weren't just passing through—they stayed, they listened.

Over time, trust grew. At some point, they invited me to help at their community centre. "The bus will come in the morning. It's easy to join us for a day". At first, I hesitated. What could I offer when I had nothing? But something inside me said, Go.

Now, every week, I help distribute food and clothes to people like me—those waiting, searching. It gives me something I didn't know I had lost: purpose. For a few hours, I stop thinking about my own worries and focus on others.

One day, another OM worker handed me a small book. "I thought you might like this," he said. It was the Gospel of John, in my own language. I ran my fingers over the cover, unsure what to say.

Since that day, I read it in secret, the words pulling me in. I don't know why, but they speak to my life in ways I never expected. I haven't told my roommate—I'm not sure what he'd think. But I keep reading.

For the first time in a long time, I feel something new. Not just purpose. Not just hope. Something more.

Through Mehmon Project, we make friends from Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Somalia, Nigeria, Cameroon, Russia (incl. Chechnya), Colombia, Cuba, and many other countries!



**Meet Mehmon team
and hear their stories**



Mobilising for Global and Local Mission

Every day, we see real needs—and we step in, watching God transform lives. But none of it happens without people.

Poland has long been among the lowest missionary-sending nations in the world, with just 0.3% of the population identifying as Bible-following believers. But that's changing. Today, local Christians are stepping up. This is a turning point.

And they're not the only ones. Colleagues from refugee backgrounds, who first encountered Jesus through our programmes, are now dedicating their lives to making disciples. Internationals from diverse cultures bring depth, experience, and fresh perspectives. Together, they are reshaping the landscape of missions in Poland and beyond.

But passion alone isn't enough. These workers need training, mentorship, and, in many cases, financial support just to begin. Our teams require practical resources—trauma care, language skills, and specialised trainings. And, like anyone stepping into full-time mission work, they need essentials: housing, daily expenses, and transportation.

Whether serving in Poland or being sent across cultures and continents, each of these workers represents a powerful confession: “Here am I, send me.” And each one is an invitation—for us to invest in their calling, equip them well, and help shape the next generation of workers for OM and beyond.

Or maybe this is an invitation for you?

WE MOBILISE FOR MISSION THROUGH:

- Partnering with churches across Poland.
- Engaging entire communities.
- Equipping and inspiring through events and trainings.
- Publishing and distributing quality resources.
- Hosting ZOOM+, a major mission conference for Poland and beyond.

Each of these steps brings us closer to vibrant communities of Jesus followers—in places where they're needed most.



ACTION POINTS

We're passionate about seeing people from all nations experience Christ's love in real, tangible ways.

Your generosity does more than meet needs—it creates spaces where the lonely find friendship, the weary find rest, and the searching discover true hope.

Please consider partnering with us in 2025 and beyond!

PRAY:

- For the Gospel to reach people from all nations.
- For new disciples to be bold in sharing their faith.
- For the small but vibrant Christian community in Poland.

GIVE TOWARDS:

- Bibles and books in different languages - \$5 - \$14 per book
KMP 0001802569 Refugees Ministry
- Mission conference, participation cost - \$55 per person
KMP 0001800837 National Support Fund

JOIN US – WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Farsi-speaking disciple-maker
- Communications officer
- Mobilisation team member

"I was a stranger
and you welcomed me"

MATTHEW 25:35 (ESV)

Thank you.



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