



OM IN POLAND 2025-2026

BECOMING FAMILY

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BECOMING FAMILY

Across cultures and circumstances, people long for connection. Moments of deep, genuine human relationship are often what shape us most and, in many cases, what sustain us. In seasons of displacement, fragmentation, and change, this longing is often expressed in a simple hope: to belong — and, over time, to become family.

We see this longing everywhere: among refugees uprooted from home and community, older people living with growing isolation, and families separated by economic pressure, language barriers, or disability. Different stories, shared need — to be welcomed, to be seen, and to be treated as people made in the image of God, created for relationship.

This work does not happen in isolation. It grows out of shared conviction and steady faithfulness, carried by people in many places who choose to remain attentive to suffering beyond their own immediate horizon. Together, we long for each

person we meet to come to know God as He truly is: a caring Father, a faithful friend, and a gracious Redeemer — just as this relationship has transformed our own lives and drawn us into a vibrant community.

The path before us is uncertain, and the realities we encounter are often unresolved. Even so, we continue to care and to love generously. In places that remain fragile, we are reminded that becoming family — through presence, patience, and mutual giving — is often where the Good News takes its most tangible form.



Weronika Czajko

Weronika Czajko
Field Leader, Poland



Choosing To Stay

Poland continues to live with the long-term reality of displacement in Central and Eastern Europe. Since 2022, millions have crossed its borders, and over one million people — primarily from Ukraine — remain.

What began as an emergency response has become a prolonged season of uncertainty and adaptation, with daily life shaped by questions of work, education, legal stability, and belonging.

At the same time, Polish society is under strain. Public systems are stretched, social cohesion is fragile, and the initial momentum of solidarity has given way to fatigue. Alongside this, Poland is undergoing significant social and spiritual change. While nominal Christianity remains part of the nation's heritage, for many — locals and refugees alike — the Gospel is often misunderstood or unfamiliar.

In this context, small, locally rooted communities of Jesus followers play a vital role. Our work is not only about arrival, but about staying: building relationships, fostering belonging, and walking patiently with people over time. What is taking shape in Poland today carries significance beyond its borders.

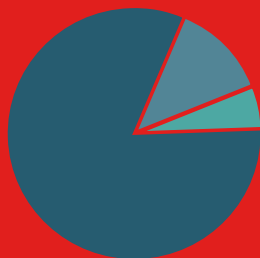


THANK YOU

Behind each figure are stories of resilience, hope, and selfless service. Progress is often gradual, but the impact is lasting and real — reflected in transformed lives and vibrant communities that continue to take shape.

\$639,022

FUNDS RAISED, 2025



All data refers to projects conducted directly by OM in Poland, Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2025.

*The surplus reflects designated funds raised for a van purchase that was not finalised within the reporting year and has been carried forward.

\$619,850*

TOTAL EXPENSES, 2025

FUNDING SOURCES

- GIFTS, INTERNATIONAL 82%
- GIFTS, POLAND 12.5%
- OTHER 5.5%
(institutional grants, sales, other income)

\$36

Average annual cost per participant

2025 IMPACT OVERVIEW

17,290

*Individuals engaged
across different initiatives*

7,440

Programme hours

60+

Nationalities welcomed

360+

Workers and volunteers



LOOKING AHEAD

2026

Key Priorities

For the OM team in Poland, this year will bring familiar challenges and new responsibilities. It calls for faithful presence and intentional investment, shaped by what we are learning each week.

Presence

Sustaining long-term presence and relationships

Compassion

Providing practical support to the most vulnerable

Restoration

Expanding counselling and support services

Depth

Strengthening discipleship through vibrant communities

Multiplication

Equipping and partnering with community leaders, local churches, and international teams

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 regularly assess our work, learning and adapting to strengthen effectiveness and accountability.

- **ACCOUNTABILITY**

We practise responsible stewardship and report to our local Board, OM leadership, and the communities we serve.

- **SAFEGUARDING**

We are committed to safe environments, equipping staff and volunteers to prevent harm and respond appropriately.

- **HOLISTIC CARE**

We listen, learn, and adapt our practices to support the well-being of participants, staff, and volunteers.

- **SACRIFICIAL SERVICE AND URGENCY**

We seek to serve faithfully and generously, sharing Christ's redemption through our actions and relationships.

OUR COMMITMENTS GUIDE
HOW WE SERVE, MAKE DECISIONS,
AND CARE FOR PEOPLE ACROSS
ALL AREAS OF OUR WORK.








PROJECTS & PEOPLE



A photograph of a man in a red t-shirt on the left, looking down at a small yellow object he is holding. A person on the right, wearing a white vest with a red circular logo on the back, is handing the object to him. The background is blurred, showing other people and trees.

BELONGING IS OFTEN THE FIRST THING
PEOPLE LOSE WHEN THEY ARE DISPLACED
– AND THE FIRST THING THEY NEED TO
BEGIN AGAIN. ACROSS THESE INITIATIVES,
WE CREATE SPACES WHERE PEOPLE ARE
WELCOMED, AND WHERE SHARED LIFE
CAN TAKE ROOT.

WELCOME and BELONGING

Dom Kultur Community Centre

Dom Kultur is an international community centre in Warsaw that brings together refugees, migrants, and local residents through free weekly programmes such as language classes, support groups, and practical assistance.

Rooted in Christian hospitality, it is a shared space where people from different backgrounds meet, form relationships, and take part in shaping the life of the community together.

WATCH A VIDEO
TO VISIT NOW!



Singing together helped me feel part of something again. Even when my Polish is limited, music lets me belong and express what words cannot.
- Vika, International Choir

Here I don't have to explain myself all the time. I can just be with people my age, talk honestly, and feel understood. - Yuliia, TeenStreet @Friday Night

I look forward to this meeting all week. I feel noticed and welcomed, and learning about other countries and cultures makes my heart strangely young and hopeful.
- Sasha, Senior's Meeting

I came to learn the language, but I stayed because people were kind and patient with me. I'm not afraid to make mistakes here — and I'm making progress because of it. - Luda, Language Class



18,100

Annual participant visits in 2025

30

Weekly programmes

10,500

Volunteer hours

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

Room at the Table

When Alina arrived in Poland as a teenager, she was adjusting after an abrupt relocation from her home country in Eastern Europe. Living in a shelter and without familiar support structures, she gradually withdrew and stopped attending school.

Her first steps back into shared life were cautious. Drawn by a desire to learn, she joined English classes at Dom Kultur and later found her way to a breakfast group for young women with similar cultural backgrounds. At first, she listened in silence, keeping her distance. Over time — simply by returning — she began to sit at the table, and share her thoughts.

With encouragement from others and additional support, Alina decided to return to school and began volunteering at Dom Kultur. She approached each task with care and responsibility, becoming a familiar and trusted presence — especially among older participants, who have come to value her attentiveness and warmth.

Today, alongside school and work, she continues to volunteer regularly and invites her family and friends into the community. She remains open to prayer and loves studying her new Bible. She often speaks of how being given time helped her regain confidence and hope for what comes next.





After a Long Silence

Mykola, an older man from Ukraine, arrived in Poland, carrying displacement and deep isolation. Significant hearing loss made everyday interaction difficult, and with his wife often working abroad, long days passed in near silence.

He came to Dom Kultur cautiously, joining a language class unsure whether he would manage or feel welcome. Instead, he encountered patience and kindness – and returned the following week with a small gift for the group, a quiet sign of his desire to belong. Gradually, he began to take part more fully, joining creative workshops, the seniors' club, and other activities.

Today, Mykola is known for his warmth and joy. He greets everyone by name and laughs easily. Finding community again, he says, feels like coming up for air after being underwater for a very long time.



Mehmon: A Welcome Guest

Mehmon takes its name from the Persian word for “guest” — someone whose presence is welcomed and treated with honour. Through this project, we walk alongside refugees and asylum seekers, many from nations where the Christian faith is little known, offering practical support, integration programmes, and long-term relationships shaped by compassion, dignity, and love lived out across cultures.



VISIT A REFUGEE
CENTRE WITH
OUR TEAM!

Nations and Cultures Represented

**Afghanistan • Algeria • Belarus • Chechnya • China • Georgia • India • Iran
Pakistan • Russia • Somalia • Sudan • Syria • Tajikistan • and more**

MEHMON

1,470

Programme participations in 2025

50

Volunteers

10

*Local believers equipped
to serve among Muslim diaspora*

- Weekly visits at a Refugee Camp
- Volunteering & integration programme
- Cultural celebrations
- Mentoring and discipleship
- Language classes
- Family camps and festivals



A Gift in Paint

The Mehmon team was surprised when Ahmad arrived one day carrying a painting. He explained that it was his way of saying thank you. It was his personal reflection on Jesus, offered quietly and without ceremony, but with clear intention.

Ahmad is a young man from Syria who arrived in Poland after a difficult journey across borders. Coming from a persecuted Muslim minority, faith had long been part of his identity. Yet experiences of violence, loss, and displacement had left him cautious and guarded, uncertain about whom he could trust.

Over time, Ahmad became connected with the Mehmon team and began meeting regularly with volunteers who walked alongside him as he navigated daily life in a new

country. Conversations about belief and meaning emerged slowly and without pressure. Initially sceptical about Jesus, he grew increasingly curious as he encountered care that was patient, consistent, and rooted in respect.

Today, Ahmad remains in close contact with the community and continues to find his footing in Poland. His painting is a reminder that welcome, offered with dignity and patience, can open space for trust — and for faith to be expressed in deeply personal ways.

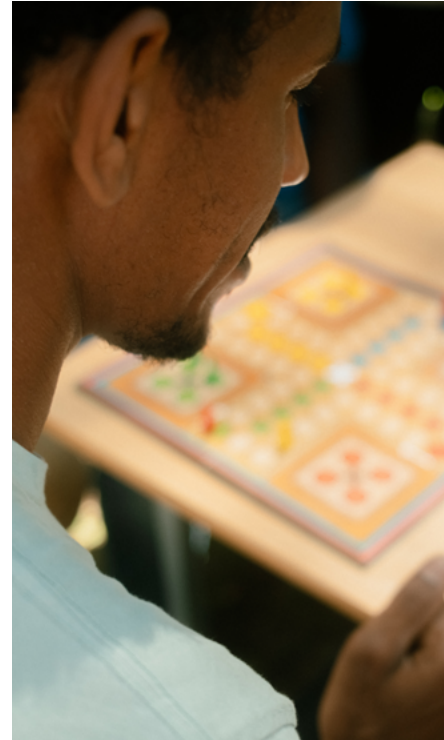
WHY A PAINTING — NOT WORDS?

Brothers Along the Way

Among the people the Mehmon team met in a refugee centre last year was Hassan, a father of three from Somalia who had fled his country after political persecution linked to his work as a journalist. Quiet and watchful, he initially kept to himself, choosing his words carefully and unsure whom he could trust.

As the team returned week after week, time together began to matter. Conversations grew easier, trust followed, and respect developed on both sides. When Hassan later moved to another city for work – a moment when many connections simply fall away – he decided to stay in touch, continuing to share updates about his life and his family.

Today, he speaks of the men he met through Mehmon not simply as volunteers, but as brothers – people he talks with openly, laughs with, and turns to when life feels heavy. Staying connected has become an important source of strength and belonging as he builds a new life far from home.



Ukraine Response Team

The Response Team is built around volunteers from around the world who, moved by compassion, choose to give a week or more of their time to be a steady, loving presence among displaced children, young people, and adults in hostels and at our community centre in and around Warsaw.

Although their service is often short-term, this shared commitment — marked by humility, joy, and a willingness to do even the simplest tasks — has continued without interruption since the first weeks of the war in Ukraine, shaping relationships that last far beyond any single visit.

A GLOBAL SHORT-TERM
OPPORTUNITY IN POLAND



What do volunteers say?

Working with OM in Poland showed me that caring for spiritual and physical needs cannot be separated. Jesus cared for both — and that has changed how I understand service.
- Sarah, Austria

Through this volunteer experience, I was reminded that God's love crosses borders, cultures, and languages. People deeply value time given to them, and I learned to notice God in ordinary moments — in worship, in nature, and on the way to programmes. - Nina, the Netherlands

My three months in Poland showed me that loving others changes their lives — and mine. I was inspired by the way the team walks with people through difficult moments and brings hope with consistency and care. - Isaac, Hong Kong

After many years at home, I doubted what I had to offer. In Poland, I learned that God doesn't call the qualified — He qualifies those He calls. Being present with refugee families showed me how meaningful simple time together can be.
- Ally, United Kingdom



Will You Come?

Two young boys are often the first to notice when the Response Team arrives at the refugee hostel. They wave from the window, run downstairs to greet the volunteers, and eagerly help carry supplies.

After their parents were no longer able to care for them, the boys were brought to Warsaw by their grandparents when the war began. In 2025, the family returned briefly to Ukraine for funerals and came back carrying fresh grief.

Their requests are simple. "Swing me," one child asks each week. When a volunteer once said the team would return on Monday, the boy paused and asked more carefully, "I'm asking if *you* will come."

In a life marked by change, what matters most is knowing that someone remembers and returns.

Feels like a holiday

For many families living in hostels, summer passed without holidays, trips, or outings. During the summer, the Response Team organised two simple family picnics – with games, crafts, music, shared food, and space to be together. Toddlers, teenagers, parents, and grandparents sat side by side, some meeting one another for the first time beyond the hostel corridors.

The day unfolded at an unhurried pace. Children moved freely between activities, and laughter carried across the grass. For a few hours, the pressures of daily uncertainty eased, replaced by something closer to rest.

Olena, a mother of four, approached a volunteer quietly and shared that she had always dreamed of taking her children out for pizza, but had never been able to afford it. That afternoon, as her children sat together eating, she said simply that a small dream had come true.

177

Volunteers from 30 nations
equipped and active in 2025

1,053

Ukrainian programme
participants in 5 locations

6,320

Volunteer hours of tangible
support and care



WHERE
FAITH IS
TESTED
& FORMED



Challenges?

- **WE WORK DAILY IN THE PRESENCE OF PAIN**

Displacement makes suffering visible — but it has also taught us that, if you look closely enough, you will find woundedness in every culture and environment.

- **WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT WE CANNOT FIX IT**

Many situations remain unresolved, and some stories do not have neat endings. Over time, we have learned to hold this limitation honestly — and to trust that God is able to lift people even from circumstances we cannot change.

- **SUSTAINED COMPASSION CARRIES A COST**

Working against a culture shaped by speed, comfort, and self-satisfaction can be isolating. Yet we would not choose to return to a life that looks away from suffering once it has been seen.

- **FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTY IS A RECURRING REALITY**

Needs fluctuate, resources are unpredictable, and long-term planning is often fragile. Still, again and again, we are humbled by the ways provision arrives: sometimes late, sometimes unexpected, always sufficient.

- **GEOPOLITICAL REALITIES REMAIN COMPLEX**

The war in Ukraine continues, other conflicts persist, and local systems are often overwhelmed. In this uncertainty, we walk with people as they learn that peace can be discovered and protected from within, even when circumstances remain unstable.

- **MOVEMENT IS CONSTANT**

People arrive, people leave, relationships change. We are learning to treasure each encounter fully, to release control, and to entrust people to God rather than to outcomes.

- **AT TIMES WE FEEL THE ABSENCE OF KEY WORKERS**


And yet, we continue to be surprised by gifted co-workers from different continents and volunteers who step into responsibility with maturity and grace, creating space where none seemed available.

- **WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THIS WORK WILL LOOK LIKE IN FIVE YEARS**

Even so, we continue to invest in people, develop leaders, dream boldly, and work faithfully — choosing to make each week meaningful rather than waiting for certainty.

Thank you for hearing our hearts. Our work is built on prayer.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN
TRUSTING AND BELIEVING.**

A young girl with long brown hair is shown in profile, resting her chin on her hand while painting. She is holding a blue paintbrush over a yellow circle on a piece of paper. The table is cluttered with various art supplies, including paint containers, brushes, and other papers. In the background, another person's hand is visible, also engaged in painting.

AS RELATIONSHIPS DEEPEN, THE REALITIES PEOPLE CARRY
OFTEN BECOME MORE COMPLEX — SHAPED BY LOSS
AND ONGOING VULNERABILITY. THIS IS WHERE WE MEET
INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH PRACTICAL SUPPORT,
PROTECTION, AND PROFESSIONAL CARE, SEEKING LONG-
TERM RESTORATION WHILE RESPECTING DIGNITY AND
AGENCY.

*LOVING
through
COMPLEXITY*

Psalm Counselling Centre

The Psalm Counselling Centre offers professional psychological support to individuals and families affected by displacement, trauma, and prolonged uncertainty. Through counselling, group support, and careful accompaniment, the Centre creates space for healing, reflection, and restoration. It integrates professional care with a Christian understanding of dignity, hope, and the whole person.

WELCOME TO PSALM!
SEE HOW HOPE GROWS IN OUR
COUNSELLING CENTRE.



306

Counselling consultations in 2025
273 individual · 33 family

5

Therapeutic and support groups
with 43 participants

- INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS
- TEEN COUNSELLING
- COUPLES COUNSELLING
- ART THERAPY
- SUPPORT GROUPS
- ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN
- EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING WORKSHOPS



Not Carrying It Alone

When Anna arrived in Poland, safety did not bring relief. She was holding life together for her children while quietly running out of strength herself. The people who once supported her were no longer there. She lost so much to war, distance, and circumstances beyond her control. Exhaustion slowly gave way to despair.

Finding help felt almost impossible. Public services were overwhelmed, language barriers stood in the way, and private therapy was far beyond what she could afford. She came to the Psalm Counselling Centre not with hope, but because she had reached the limit of managing alone.

In counselling, Anna found professional support in her own language and practical tools to steady herself through difficult moments. One day, she learned that her therapist was praying for her — not instead of professional care, but alongside it. The discovery touched her heart deeply. She later said it helped her feel not only supported, but deeply loved.

This story represents the shared experiences of many clients supported by the Centre.



Care Fair Aid Distributions

Care Fair aid distributions invite refugees to receive practical support in a way that preserves choice and dignity. On designated days, people select what they need — from clothing and hygiene items to household and children's supplies — making aid distribution a respectful, relational encounter that often becomes their first point of connection with a new community.



Choosing for Herself

Kateryna arrived at Care Fair for the first time in October, during her second year in Poland. By then, she was painfully aware that her modest Ukrainian pension stretched very little, while her family's needs were pressing.

At the OM Centre, she expected a queue and a package handed across a table. Instead, she was invited to walk through the space, look around, and choose what her family needed most. After months of displacement, the simple question — “What would you like?” — caught her off guard.

She moved slowly, comparing sizes, selecting shoes for her grandson, warm clothing for herself, and a few household items she had been missing since leaving home. Volunteers were nearby to help, but nothing was rushed. For the first time in a long while, she felt trusted to decide.

Before leaving, Kateryna stopped to say thank you. What stayed with her most was not what she carried out, but the sense that she had been seen.

CARE FAIR

3,483

Aid packages distributed in 2025

80-110

Families assisted each week

\$145

*Average market value
of goods per family*

- Nutritious food
- Cleaning and laundry products
- Personal hygiene items
- New, quality clothing and/or shoes
- School supplies for children (seasonally)
- Quality second-hand items



More Than What She Came For

Valentyna found a measure of hope in the darkest season of her life. After losing her daughter, she longed for someone she could trust — and she knew where to go: the OM aid distribution.

Valentyna, a 63-year-old woman from Ukraine, came to the Care Fair shortly after returning from her daughter's funeral. Her child, a medic on the front line, had been critically injured and could not be saved. Displaced by war and carrying fresh grief, Valentyna arrived quietly, unsure what she needed most. A warm jacket and a few basic items would help — but they were not the whole story.

During the distribution, she shared her loss with a staff member. What began as a practical exchange

became a space to be heard — tears without explanation, and an invitation to return simply to talk. Care Fair became more than assistance; it became a doorway to connection.

Over time, Valentyna formed friendships, and accessed counselling support. Alongside this, she encountered vibrant faith — not as a tradition, but as a personal trust in God she could lean on in her grief. That choice is now being nurtured within a local church community.

WHAT COULD BEGIN AT
THE NEXT CARE FAIR?





OpSAFE for Children

Children affected by war and displacement have many unseen needs. They carry emotional wounds that impact behaviour and trust, and health challenges that can easily go untreated.

Through trauma-informed care, healthy relationships, and practical medical support, we address what requires urgent attention. Both OpSAFE and the medical programme create conditions where children can feel safe again, receive the care they need, and rebuild a sense of wellbeing and hope.

My granddaughter changed before my eyes. She became independent, confident, and eager to come every day. I couldn't believe how quickly it happened.

- Grandmother of a camp participant

I came to serve, but I left deeply filled. God worked in this time by guiding, blessing, and shaping all of us.

- Volunteer: Station Leader

This was a place where children could finally be heard and shown that they are not alone, and they can have friends.

- OpSAFE team observation

A Place to Be Heard

At the five-day OpSAFE camp, one boy could not stop talking. He interrupted, commented on everything, and found it hard to settle – behaviour that initially looked like restlessness.

As the week unfolded, a different picture emerged. This was one of the only places where he had peers who spoke his language and time to be listened to. He was not in school and had little contact with other children. What he needed most was not correction, but connection.

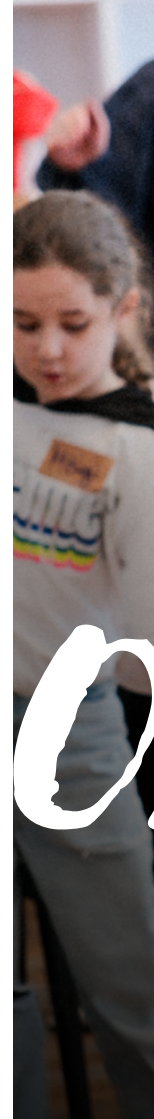
By the end of the camp, his energy had changed. He was still expressive, but now within a group – laughing, cooperating, and forming friendships. What looked like disruption was, in fact, a deep need for connection.

402

Children in OpSAFE programmes, 2025

46

Adults trained to support children through trauma-informed care





Medical Programme

- MENTAL HEALTH CARE
- DEVELOPMENTAL AND NEURODEVELOPMENTAL THERAPIES
- SPECIALIST MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS
- ESSENTIAL MEDICATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

Voices from the parents

- “This programme helped us pay for therapy that is essential for my child's development. Without it, we simply could not continue.”
- “Thanks to this programme, my son received glasses he urgently needed. It made a real difference to his health and his ability to learn.”
- “Art therapy gave us a safe space to express emotions freely. As a parent of a child with special needs, I felt accepted and understood.”

27

Children supported with disabilities
or special medical needs in 2025



In partnership with
SOS Children's Villages

A woman with short brown hair, wearing a pink sweater and glasses, is leaning over a world map. She is placing or adjusting several colorful paper rings (in shades of orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple) on the map. The rings are scattered across the map, with a higher concentration in the lower right quadrant. The background is dark and out of focus.

OVER TIME, SHARED LIFE CREATES SPACE FOR RESPONSIBILITY,
FAITH, AND PURPOSE TO GROW. IN OUR COMMUNITIES, PEOPLE
DISCOVER THEIR GIFTS, SERVE ONE ANOTHER, AND TAKE PART IN
GOD'S WORK AS FAITH BECOMES LIVED, SHARED, AND CARRIED
INTO EVERYDAY LIFE, LOCALLY AND BEYOND.

SHARED LIFE and CALLING

Migrant Factory Workers in Kutno

Kutno has become home to thousands of migrant workers who arrive for factory jobs and often remain socially isolated, moving frequently and struggling to build lasting connections. Through local church presence and practical support, this programme creates space for community, faith, and belonging in lives shaped by uncertainty.

50%

*Of the congregation from migrant backgrounds,
with 10+ nationalities represented*

- SPANISH-SPEAKING WORKERS' FELLOWSHIP
- REGULAR VISITS TO MIGRANT WORKER HOSTELS
- TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR NEWLY ARRIVED OR VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS
- ENGLISH CLASSES FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN
- INTEGRATED YOUTH CLUB
(POLISH, UKRAINIAN, COLOMBIAN TEENAGERS)

WHAT CAN WE **LEARN** FROM EACH OTHER?



The Crossroads of the World

When Donna looks at the church in Kutno today, she sees something she could not have imagined when the congregation first began. Originally from Hong Kong, she was once among only a few foreigners in the town. What started as a small Polish church has become a living, multi-ethnic community shaped by migration and constant change.

As migrant workers arrive in Kutno, the church responds with presence: opening its doors, sharing meals, and visiting hostels. It offers language support and creates space for worship in different languages. Through this simple, faithful hospitality, relationships form naturally despite language barriers. People from Latin America, Eastern Europe, Africa, and beyond pray, serve, and learn alongside one another.

Some Sundays feel like a crossroads of the world. Prayers rise in different accents; songs are familiar to some and new to others. Stories are shared, marked by courage, loss, and hope. One of the clearest expressions of this shared life came during Thanksgiving Sunday, when members stood to name God's faithfulness through seasons of hardship and transition. For Donna, these moments capture the heart of the work: God forming a family where none existed before.

The pace is demanding. People move on for work, visas expire, and goodbyes are frequent. Leadership must be rebuilt again and again. Yet the energy remains, rooted in the Gospel, which is always active. Seeds are planted, faith is strengthened, and people leave carrying an authentic experience of God's love. In a town defined by movement, the church continues to grow as a place of belonging, purpose, and shared calling.



New Vibrant Communities

For many people forced to leave their home countries, faith, pastoral care, and prayer in a community are not abstract ideas but deep human needs — often unmet due to language barriers, cultural distance, or past restrictions on religious freedom.

These new communities emerge naturally from long-term friendship and trust, offering safe spaces to explore Scripture, experience belonging, and grow into Christian fellowship led by people from within their own cultures.



Hungry for the Word PERSIAN FELLOWSHIP

From the earliest meetings of the Persian fellowship, Farid and Maryam, an Afghan couple, stood out for their questions. Curious and persistent, they chose to read the entire Bible in Farsi together. Each week they returned with notes and carefully formed questions about Jesus, forgiveness, and how Scripture holds together. As their understanding grew, Farid began naturally translating and sharing insights with others in the group.

Another woman, Rojin, an Iranian Kurd, joined after connecting through Dom Kultur. Her longing was clear: to understand Jesus for herself. She reads the Bible daily and uses every opportunity to ask questions — not abstractly, but with the urgency of someone seeking answers for life now.

One evening captured the heart of this community. During a discussion, Hamid, an Afghan believer — himself on a long journey of faith — gently but firmly challenged another participant for treating serious questions lightly. “People come here because this matters,” he said. “We are here to learn who Jesus is and how to follow Him.” The moment carried authority, care, and ownership — a clear sign of a community beginning to lead itself from within.

When the Candle Lights Again

BELARUSIAN
FELLOWSHIP

After prison and forced emigration, Yuliya arrived in Poland feeling numb and disoriented. Once a florist and decorator, she described herself as a candle that had gone out — no light, no warmth, only the need for safety.

Her first visit to the Community Centre mattered in small but decisive ways. She joined a shared breakfast, where someone spoke honestly about migration and said simply, “You can still find friends, even as an adult.” Yuliya had lost her home and her culture, yet here was a place that felt gentle, intentional, and human.

Wednesday breakfasts soon became an anchor. Even on weeks she couldn't attend, knowing the group was there gave her stability. The details mattered: tea poured

carefully, food served with thought, women attentive to one another. It was care expressed through presence, with prayer and teaching woven naturally into shared time.

Slowly, Yuliya felt her inner light return. She began inviting others, then volunteering, and eventually helping to shape the fellowship herself. Her life is still marked by loss, but it now has direction. For her, faith is not loud or triumphant — it is steady, grounded in the hope of the Gospel, and strong enough to keep going.

FOUR EMERGING VIBRANT
COMMUNITIES IN 2025



3,303

*People engaged across in-person
and online mobilisation initiatives*

WHO WILL GO?

MOBILISING

WHEN PEOPLE EXPERIENCE DEEP PERSONAL RENEWAL,
MANY BEGIN TO ASK HOW THEIR LIVES CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE BEYOND THEIR OWN STORY. MISSION
MOBILISING SUPPORTS THIS JOURNEY – EQUIPPING
INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES TO SERVE WITH PURPOSE,
LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY, AND TO ENGAGE THOUGHTFULLY
WITH THE WIDER WORLD AROUND THEM.



Purpose Still Holds

For Natalia, a mother attending a mobilisation event with her family, questions of purpose felt deeply personal and complex. Caring for a child with special needs had reshaped her daily life, leaving little space to imagine contributing beyond her immediate responsibilities.

During the event, she encountered stories and conversations that took her reality seriously rather than minimising it. Through shared learning and the welcome of a diverse community, Natalia began to see that her life had not been diminished by her circumstances. Her limits were real, but they did not erase her capacity to love, serve, or respond to God's work in the world.

Natalia left with a renewed conviction that her life still belonged to God and could be offered in service to others, even across cultures. She did not yet know what form this might take, but she chose to follow her calling.

What a victory!

The team working with local churches looked for fresh ways to open conversation about the unreached nations. A pastors' breakfast was one initiative. A football tournament followed.

Each team adopted a country unreached by the Gospel and played under its flag. Their task went beyond the pitch: to learn about the people they represented and to pray for that nation personally and with their church on Sunday. Team Armenia won.

The impact lasted beyond the final match. Churches began to pray with greater focus. What started as a tournament became a doorway to sustained engagement. The winning church is now exploring a short-term visit to Armenia, taking its first steps from awareness to action.



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THIS FAMILY IS GROWING!

This report reflects one year of work, while the life it describes continues to unfold.

Relationships deepen, communities grow, and new pathways open as people step into belonging, responsibility, and faith.

As circumstances change and new opportunities emerge, we are grateful to be part of this unfolding story, alongside those who walk with us. Across cultures and contexts, there is momentum: shared life taking shape, gifts being discovered, and hope expressed in tangible ways.

We look ahead to the next chapter.

CONCLUSION



“You are no longer foreigners
and strangers, but fellow citizens
with God’s people and also members
of his household”

EPHESIANS 2:19 (NIVUK)

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