



ABANDONED, FOUND, SENT.

Transformed by Jesus through EC Ministry

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Serving in Poland

Abandoned

I grew up in a Catholic family in Poland, where my Grandma was the only one who had a relationship with God. God always existed for me, but I felt I could not have a personal relationship with Him.

In 2005 my father abandoned us and we faced serious financial difficulties. At the same time, a group of Americans came to my younger brother's school and invited him to attend a Josiah Venture English Camp hosted by a local evangelical church.

Found

Through that invitation, I heard the gospel for the first time and was captured by it. I realized that I can have a personal relationship with Jesus. I immediately started growing and serving in my local church in Nowy Tomyśl, Poland. At the same time, my career in the fashion business was taking off. It was a busy time full of competing priorities, but God was faithful in providing for my needs both financially and spiritually.

Called



JV Poland team 2022

of getting to spend my time and abilities on finding teens who were similar to me: knowing of God but not knowing him personally as their Saviour. Since then, I have been working full-time towards JV's vision: to see a movement of God among the youth of Central and Eastern Europe that finds its home in the local church and transforms society.

FULL-TIME MINISTRY. BEING LED BY GOD.

In 2015, I was invited to work for Fala (the JV national organization in Poland) full-time. I was thrilled at the thought



Serving others and equipping them is a privilege for me.

LEADING OTHERS. MORE THAN JUST A CAMP.

Now, years later, as Poland's English Camp program director, I have the honor of serving God and empowering others at each stage of their relationship with

Jesus, through my work. Our team assists local churches in putting on evangelistic summer camps for teenagers in their communities.

Poland is very religious, and most Poles consider themselves Catholic. The evangelical church is quite small - only 0.3% of the population. English Camps continue to be a vital tool to reach young people with the news that they can have a relationship with God.

We like to say that our English Camps are "more than just a camp". Of course, we help local churches create space to build relationships and connect teenagers with local Christians. At the same time, we equip young leaders to fulfill Christ's Commission. An English Camp is a great place to serve, whether it is your first time helping or you are the camp director.



Our team is not only about executing summer camps. We are about equipping young leaders to fulfill Christ's Commission. We are about discipleship in local churches.

We do that through our camps ministry, but also in the individual ministry each of us carries out. For me, that continues to be in my hometown church where I first heard the gospel. Our youth group is doing well, with



I have a strong desire to empower youth to be disciples who make disciples. Summer interns are filling this out in a great way.

over 40 young people regularly attending (90% are the fruits of the English camps). I also serve through being available as a mentor for young women in our church. While I love all the organizational work I do for camps, my true joy is in discipling, advising, and encouraging young people to discover what their next steps in following Jesus are.



Mentoring, advising, and encouraging young people to discover what their next steps are in following Jesus gives me a big joy.

Many believers in Poland do not have someone who is investing in them in this way, and I am passionate about helping to meet that need. In each case, I delight in learning how God is leading them and doing what I can to help them move forward faithfully.

I pray that through these discipleship relationships, more and more young leaders will be equipped to be fruitful in fulfilling the Great Commission through their local churches in Poland.

Moving Forward

The purpose of this letter is not only to tell you about this mission in my life that God has given me but also to ask you if you would consider joining me, as a prayer and financial partner. I am so very grateful for the opportunity to serve and share the love of Jesus and I ask you to join me in this ministry. I would be honored to be a partner with you if you are able to join me in the movement of God among Polish youth.

If you would like to be a part of what God is doing in Poland by faithfully praying, please email me at nstarkowska@josiahventure.com to receive updates about my ministry.



"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, and bring you back from captivity"
Jeremiah 29:13-14

If you would like to join me by supporting me financially, you can give online by credit card or set up an ETF going to www.josiahventure.com/starkowska and finding my name (my JV ministry account number is #410072)

I'm amazed every day by God's blessing.

Would you like to join in God's movement with me?

Sincerely,
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Pray With Us

- Please pray for more and more young Poles to not only meet Christ in a real way but also to become disciples who make disciples.
- Pray that I would lead my team well in God-honoring ways so that churches are supported in discipleship and that our focus on youth leaders helps them have strong indigenous empowerment with teenagers.
- Pray that I will invest in the lives of others in such a way as to reflect God's love and draw others into his family, both from my local church in Nowy Tomysl and from churches across Poland.