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Greetings from Gospel Joy in Poland

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Hello everyone. I am home after being in Poland for a week with our friends in Gospel Joy.

Gospel Music Camp

July 1-8 was the first annual Gospel Music Camp. There were 44 in attendance and the ages ranged from 17 to 51. The camp was lead by Andrew Gorski of Gospel Joy and the Director was Brian Fentress.

Brian is a young guy from Phoenix AZ that has been serving Gospel Joy as a missionary choir director for the past 7 months. His ministry to the Poles has been blessed by God as they have traveled across Western Poland conducting 2-3 day Gospel Workshops that are followed by public concerts.

My job was to play the keyboard, prep the band for our 2 concerts and serve as co-captain to Brian in teaching, discussions and personal ministry to the students. Oh yes, it was also my job to learn 5 polish words while I was there.

The Music and More

We sang traditional and contemporary songs by such artists as Hezikiah Walker, Kirk Franklin, Israel, Fred Hammond and more. As you can see

from the list of names, Black Gospel Music is on the rise in Poland.

It amazes me to see how God works His plan in people. His ideas are pretty different from what we would think is normal. Prior to my first trip to Poland in 2004, I was not aware that Gospel Music had such appeal or ministry impact in Europe. I am now aware that a very strong evangelistic movement centered around Gospel Music has taken hold in Poland and other countries. The freedom of the music and those that perform it well are being given a platform by God to speak into the lives



of the Poles who are nationally and culturally Catholic. During the rehearsals and the concerts it is quite common for the director

to address the choir or the audience and give a scriptural example of the song being sung or even to explain the concept being sung from spiritual and Biblical origins. This past week, Brian did such a fine job introducing "Jesus, You're My Everything" to 2 audiences of 150 or so. Can you imagine this message being delivered to Poles in Catholic Churches?

At the end of each day, we spent hours with the staff and students in a make-shift café at the camp and we talked about life, music, America and anything

else that they wanted to talk about. It was during these late night sessions that 5 people accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The message is in the music and the message is being presented to hearts that are ready to hear it. Thanks for sending me!!!

Missionary Status

The greatest blessing of the past few years in putting feet to my passions has been my new status as a missionary under Perimeter Church's Global Outreach Department.

This is a unique situation in that I am the first Artist in the history of Perimeter to have this status and an approved plan of action. I am grateful to all the men and women that have been supportive and provided guidance in the recent months.

I am in financial support raising mode and if God would move your heart, you can become a partner of our ministry by sending your tax deductible contributions to *Perimeter Church, 9500 Medlock Bridge Rd. Duluth GA 30097*. Please write my name, Allan Wiltshire in the memo section. I will keep you updated on our needs and progress.

The Passion of my Heart.

Walking this road of ministry has been the passion of my heart long before I knew that it was. I believe that I am doing what I was born to do. Now as I look back on the experiences of my life they make sense in light of the future.

On the 17th of the this month I had the honor of conducting a short training for a group of people going to Mumbai and London for 10 days (dancers & musicians). Though most we 1/2 my age,

it was so interesting to sit and watch the light go on in their eyes as I described the thoughts, feelings and experiences of Artists from around the country and other parts of the world.

Who we are, what we face and what we are called to do as Artists for the Kingdom is basically the same everywhere. The challenge to this is that just like the 3 Hebrew boys in the Bible story, our names have been changed.

Identity impacts the role!

The King, Nebucadnezzar did not want the God of the Hebrews to have an impact on his subjects so he named the boys according to his culture and domain. He then command all under his authority to bow to his statue. It is

Speaking at 5N Church

A high light of the trip was to start the week in a bi-lingual worship service with Piotr Zeremba and the folks of 5N church in Posnan.

Piotr was kind enough to allow me to share the ideas of our ministry with the congregation and serve as translator.

After the service I met a young man, Marucio, who has been ministering to the rock & poetry culture of Poland for the past 5 years. It was no coincidence that I was there that morning. Our visions are similar and we both look forward to seeing how God will move our hearts and methods closer together.

my belief and conviction that a strong influence has crept into the Christian Artistic Community and confused our identity.

Each time I meet with a group and ask them how they connect with the term "Artist" the answer is generally the same. It is an identity that does not fit.

Who then is it that plays that role in the body of Christ? Who creates by the power of the Spirit and lifts the hearts of the oppressed and points to all things divine in the language of the heart?

This Month's Events

July 1-8, 2007

Skoki Poland

Gospel Music Camp

Workshops and evangelism hosted by Gospel Joy.

July 15, 2007

Perimeter Church

Choir Community

3 weekend worship services with the choir in Duluth. For more information call (678) 405-2000.

July 22 & 29

11:00 am , Marietta, GA

Due West Contemporary Service

Worship in an intimate setting at Due West UMC in the south campus. For more information call (770) 795-0923.

July 21, 2007

7:00 pm, Duluth Amphitheater

Summerstage Concert Series

Hear Atlanta's version of the Vegas Style Rat Pack Show with a 19 piece big band. For more information call (678) 542-2004.

Change the name, change the identity. Change the identity and the role remains unfulfilled.

Artists have a role to play in the kingdom of God. And what is that?