



# Polish Diaconia newsletter

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## Help to flood victims

Help to the flood victims is one of the priorities of the Polish Diaconia's activity in recent months. In the middle of May this year Polish Diaconia and the Evangelical Church of Augsburg Confession in Poland began fund-raising for the flood victims. Most damages were suffered by the people from Silesia, Lesser Poland and Masovia.

Help was also provided by the Silesian Evangelical Church of Augsburg Confession in Czech Republic, which has donated 112 air dryers, and borrowed us further 44. 40 air dryers were bought for Diaconia by the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren. Diaconia has bought further four devices and has now 200 of them.

Financial means to buy further air dryers, as well as cleaners and disinfectants, have come from Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe in Germany (Diaconia – Help in Catastrophes). Also the Lutherans in Ireland, Holland and Uppsala Diocese in Sweden, as well as many individual contributors have participated in the fund-raising. Until now first allowances have been paid for renovation, buying cleaning supplies and summer camps for children. We are still collecting funds to help flood victims.



We would like to thank sincerely to all our contributors, who have supported our action for flood victims. More information

on our activities for flood victims:  
[www.diakonia.org.pl](http://www.diakonia.org.pl)

[Picture: Help for flood victims from Świnia in Masovia, from Diaconia's archive]

## Health and rest for „Chernobyl Area Children”

A group of 30 children from Belarus: surroundings of Minsk, Mogilev and southern part of Belarus, aged 7 to 15, again spent their summer holidays in a Lutheran parish in Sorkwity in Masuria.



The children came to Poland on the invitation of Polish Diaconia, which coordinates the action “Pomoc Dzieciom Czarnobyla” (“Help to Chernobyl Area Children”) for 16 years, within which children from the areas affected by the Chernobyl disaster in 1986 come to Poland for recovery and rest. This stay is financed by the Swiss foundation G2W (Glaube in der 2. Welt. [fot. Rev. R. Zagóra]

## „Sunny Land” in Katowice

Since 1 June 2010 in Katowice there is a Diaconal station “Słoneczna Kraina” (“Sunny Land”) at the Lutheran parish. It is yet another of Lutheran Diaconia's centres in Poland (there are 24 of them). Active at the station are counselling points: psychological, legal, against drug addiction and HIV, insurance and compensation, violence counteraction, application and CV writing, counseling. All of them are available free of charge.

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