

Trip to Poland – July 2016

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Having heard so much and been intrigued by the work of 'Houses of Mercy' in Poland, the Revd Andrew Goodman took Sabbatical Extended Study Leave to go and find out more.

A House of Mercy is a place established for permanent ministry – in Poland this is a team ministry, based in a parish or community, applying a model of prayer for freedom and restoration called 'Unbound'. This prayer model follows a pattern of five elements or 'keys':

Repentance and Faith, Forgiveness, Renouncing, Authority, Blessing



As well as prayer, a House of Mercy aims to offer psychologist consultations, individual and group therapy, addiction and marriage counselling – and more. These services are provided by professional people who have a faith themselves and can share in the vision of the House of Mercy. The team involved in the House of Mercy will gather quarterly for training and prayer and occasional celebrations such as Christmas.

In his report, Andrew describes the beautiful setting of the House and how he was impacted by the



warmth and generosity of all those involved in this ministry. Also in Andrew's words, *"they suggested I have a session of prayer ministry myself; I was touched by the Father's love and my heart was opened to what was to follow."*

The work in Poland has grown from a vision received by one of the founders in 2009:

'The vision was of a building with a globe above it, pulsing with God's mercy and love – below people were receiving prayer for freedom and therapy.'

The work has been ongoing there since 2010 with new Houses of Mercy springing up across the country with a vision to spread beyond – across the world – they can be described as 'a form of evangelisation, with the focus being an encounter with Jesus – a real Person waiting in love to meet the person seeking prayer.'

