

7/11/16 Mid-year Report

Global Clown Ministry

My role for this year is to support the existing clown teams with performance material in addition to basic supplies such as clothing, makeup, gallons where necessary, wigs, props etc.



Representatives from 7 Polish teams: 1 in Szczecin, 2 in Glogow, 1 in Lubin, one in Tarneskie Gory, 1 in Nysa and 1 in Dziegielow/Czesin. (The seated clown, left as one looks at the picture, is Turnip, aka, Sid Teske.)

To date I have shipped over \$2000 worth of material to Russia, Belarus, Latvia, and Poland with more on deck to be sent to Russia and Belarus.



In Belarus and Russia I have sent more clothing as they are training new clowns and they needed more clothing. In addition, they plan to sponsor a new church clown group south of Moscow. (The current teams are north of St Petersburg). I will probably send them a lot of things for this expansion group.



Representatives from the Belarus team (the Clown with the patched clothing is Turnip, AKA, Sid Teske)

Impact stories:

1. The clowns in Riga, Latvia performed at two adjacent orphanages managed by one administrator. The orphans, many of them handicapped without mobility chairs were forced to move about on the ground, stairs and floor by whatever means possible. They loved the clowns and the older orphans (young teens) persisted in asking the administrator to call the two churches represented in the clown team and ask if they would pick them up so they could attend church with the clowns. They have subsequently given their hearts to Jesus and become members of one of the two churches.
2. The clown team in Talsi, Latvia felt called to create a room at the local museum with clown things. I sent them 3 boxes of things I had collected over the years to add to what they envisioned. They now are often asked to be present at the museum when school groups come through the museum and they give them the gospel from their clown experience.
3. Clown team in Murmansk, Russia. One of the team members is moving to southern Russia and some members of the Murmansk and Petrozavodsk, Russia teams will travel there to start up a new ministry in southern Russia, where it has just become illegal to discuss religions outside of a church or church building.

The continuing excitement and expansion of the work without my personal presence is gratifying.

Praise our dear Lord.

Sid and Karen Teske