

# WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 KRAKOW

It was such an excellent new experience in my life. Putting in mind the difference in culture, race and even skin colour, I had my own expectations. I never thought we can interact as close as we did as one people of God.

The trip to the world youth day has taught me a lot things both as a Christian and as an individual Zambian citizen. Coming from a declared Christian nation, I thought Zambians are the only hospitable and welcoming people. But this completely changed after the warm welcome we were given by the Polish people and having stayed with these people far over two weeks. I also learnt that family is far, far beyond my nuclear family in Zambia. This is because of the way my friend and I stayed with our Polish parents. (Michal and Aneta Zielinski and the rest of the family members) It was really such a great new family. We shall always pray for them.

As a Zambian citizen, I also learnt that development does not come with the government, but rather starts with an individual. As long as people's thinking is not converted to something positive and self reliant, we cannot develop, no matter how many times we change the government.

Last I would like to thank the organisers and more sincerely our sponsors for their ~~un~~ unconditional love, especially towards us the young people. This trip and the world youth day was exceptionally organised and we the participants had a lot to learn. I thank you for the privilege you gave us, may the good almighty God bless you unconditionally that you continue extending this same love to the rest of our brothers and sisters. Thank you once more.

God bless the sponsors, God bless the organisers, God bless the volunteers, God bless the Polish people, God bless the Catholic Church and its leadership, God bless us all. With much love.

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