

# Mission trip to Umag, Croatia



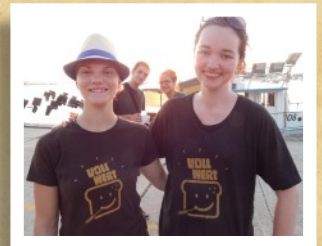
*Bethany Clarke, Abigail Bulley and Ruth Cheah joined the Umag mission trip led by our world partners David and Linda James. Abigail and Bethany write:*

Every evening, just before sunset, we parked the Teabus on the promenade. We had volleyball flyers, questionnaires, drinks and snacks to offer which gave us the opportunity to start conversations with both holiday makers and local people.

One conversation arose after a group of girls felt moved by a mime showing all of the things that can damage lives and separate us from God. We were able to ask them about what gave them hope in their lives and what helped them overcome difficulties. This allowed us to share the role that Jesus plays in our lives. They told us how music has a big influence on them so we gave them a Christian CD to listen to! Please could you pray for the girls and the difficulties they are facing through bullying, rejection and trying to find God in the world.



We would also greatly appreciate it if you would pray for two German men that we met. They had a lot of questions about what we were doing at the Teabus and also about Christianity in general. In the discussion with them we talked about a lot of hard topics including: whether or not God only exists because of mass belief; how God is present in the world today; and what their purpose is in life. At the beginning of the conversation they were only asking questions that they thought we wouldn't have answers to, but as the discussion progressed their questions became genuinely inquisitive. We were able to pray with them and we hope that God continues to stir their hearts and change their views.



This trip was really challenging but we have all left feeling really encouraged, both by the conversations we had at the Teabus and by the wonderful team we were working with throughout the week.