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The Schicks

Making the Gospel Accessible to the 38 Million People in Poland

A Message from Your Ambassadors

Dear Partners, As we approach our final exams in Polish and the end of the semester, we mark another milestone in our progress both in the language and ministry here in Poland. The Lord has clearly mapped out before us our opportunities in personal discipleship, local church ministries, children's outreach ministries and evangelism training throughout Poland. Each of these opportunities will advance the Gospel and grow Christ's church in Poland. Please read below how the Lord is using your partnership with us in this spiritually needy land.



Bible Day Camp Planning

Ed & Leslie Schick

Story of Hope - Polish Translation Project Update

We have met with some potential translators for this project. After looking through the booklet, One translator said, "We have nothing like this in Poland." He was impressed with many things about it from the clear biblical truths, to the stunning pictures and simple layout. These and other reasons are why we are so eager to convert this into a Polish evangelistic tool that will allow us to reach Poles with the Gospel. Not long ago we were faced with the prospect that the project might not ever happen here.

Now God has opened a great door of opportunity. Soon the translators will be getting to work. After they complete the evangelism booklet, we will also need to translate some teaching materials that will allow us to train Polish pastors, missionaries and other workers in the biblical basis for Good Soil Evangelism. We are excited about this project and are grateful for the prayers and giving that have made it possible for us to begin this work in Poland. The initial project will cost about \$5,000 which includes funds for translation and the printing of 1,000 booklets. So far \$1,500 has been given. If you would like to partner with us in this great work, please designate your gift for "Story of Hope." At the end of one of our translation team meetings, one of the translators said to us, "Thank-you for coming to Poland." A big "Thank-You!" to those who partnered with us to send us here.

Reaching Internationals

Leslie invited her classmate from India to our home group. She is a Hindu but is open to learning about other religions. As a child she had attended a Catholic school and so is generally familiar with Christian teachings. We studied from John's Gospel chapter seven. She interacted well with the group. We would like to go through the Story of Hope to give her the background on Jesus message and ministry.

The Chelm Story - Part 1

Once upon a time, a church in southeast Poland was planning to have a summer just like all summers before it: a church picnic; a week at camp for the church kids; and of course the usual Sunday ministries for worship, preaching and some fellowship. But then one day a mission team from America called the pastor. "Can we come and put on a children's English Camp (Vacation Bible School) where we teach Polish children some English and the Gospel for a week? "Sure!" the pastor said, "That would be a great way to reach the unchurched children of our city for Christ."

So the youth mission team came and put on a great week of English camp, Bible teaching and lots of fun activities lasting 6 hours daily from Monday to Friday. What an exhausting week! But what a great outreach! Children heard the Gospel and parents learned about the Gospel preaching church. Some even talked about coming to services on Sunday. The teens and their youth leaders went home rejoicing over this new ministry they were able to do at this church in Poland. But what happened next was even more amazing. It is important for us to ask a few important questions

about mission teams at this point in the story: How can mission teams have the biggest impact? Can the American teams come back to Poland each year to put on English Day Camps? Can every church in Poland expect a foreign mission team come to their church every year? What do you think? Please write us and let us know what you think happened or should happen in this story. We will write the rest of the story in our next letter.

Prayer and Praise Items

On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God

1. Daily **discipleship and witnessing** opportunities especially with upcoming summertime opportunities.
2. **Language school** study and witness to teachers and students.
3. Story of Hope **translation project**.
4. **Summer Ministries** - Dual Bible Day Camps at churches in Lublin and Chełm July 18-22 with a mission team from Grace Baptist Church (Brunswick, OH) plus three week long camps in August.
5. For the spiritual and **moral health** of Gospel preaching churches in Poland and the U.S.
6. Praise that **Johanna** made a good transition to Lynchburg, VA to live with Annelise and Christian in their apartment.
7. **Adult children** as they work, study and serve the Lord. Safety for them as they take a trip out West together.
8. **Annelise** as she seeks to purchase a **car** after her beloved Cavalier took too many trips to the mechanic.

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