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# The Schicks

Making the Gospel Accessible  
to the 38 Million People in Poland

## A Message from Your Ambassadors

Dear Prayer Partners,

As we are working along between the last weeks of Summer before the Fall routine kicks in we want to take a moment of your time to report on our second major round of ministry this summer. The two-week Children's Camp in Świętajno was book-ended by a stop in Białystok and a half-week stay in Warsaw. We are grateful to all those who made these Gospel opportunities possible.

*Ed & Leslie Schick*

## "No One Taught me about the Old Testament!"

After our two weeks of camp, we headed for Warsaw. Our first stop was Ed's cousin's home for a summer party for the relatives, including us. (We met 3 more relatives so now there are a total of 18!) We talked about many things, but at the end of the evening, one of the older ladies wanted to know what was different about Baptists. Using my simple Polish I started describing how Baptists base their beliefs on the Bible, but she interrupted more than once to tell me she knows very little about the Old Testament. Our first evening in Warsaw was a stark reminder of the spiritual needs in the capital city of Poland.



## Story of Hope - Translation Project Update

We are now about half-way done with the raw translation stage of the project. Our hope is to have the raw translation done by October so the review process can begin. Please pray that our translators will be able to set aside time that they can devote to the careful work of translation. Even in its unfinished state, we were able to use some of the translation at camp. In the last few weeks we have developed a slide presentation and document with basic points of the Gospel in Polish with Bible verses. We will use these to practice giving the Gospel to Polish people in our personal contacts. The Story of Hope project still is in need of full funding to pay the translators and for the printing.

## Świętajno (shvee-en-tie-no) Camp

We served in a 2-week Children's Christian Summer Camp. As English Workshop leaders, we taught the Gospel and evangelism through the avenue of English lessons. For the younger children, we used the colors of the Gospel Ball, and for the older children we used the Bridge to Life illustration from the Story of Hope. Their favorite Polish-English song was "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in my Heart" which they sang with full gusto. Many people here in Poland want to learn English for education and business reasons, but we challenged the children to learn English well enough to be able to share with internationals the most powerful life-changing news: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We counted it a privilege to work alongside of Polish Christian workers as support staff in this summer outreach ministry.



## Schicks to Poland Financial Summary

Monthly Support	92%
Monthly Need	<b>\$576</b>
Need for next 12 Months	\$6,900
Story of Hope Translation	\$1,700

Most of our support comes from churches and individuals who give on a regular basis. Some of our support (30%) comes from single gifts. If our regular monthly need is met, we can more effectively spend our time focused mainly on ministry in Poland.

## Important Upcoming Dates

**September** - Women's Conference in Warsaw and Meeting in Chelm  
**October - December** - Additional language studies at Lublin University  
**December 15** U.S. Furlough Start  
**May 2017** U.S. Furlough End and Return to Poland



*Campers Blueberry Picking*

## Prayer and Praise Items

*On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God*

1. Praise Children's Camp and prayers for long-term spiritual impact.
2. Generosity of a fellow missionary in allowing us to use his car while he was in the U.S.
3. Progress on Story of Hope Translation
4. More monthly support for 24 months' regular support and for a car for ministry in Poland.
5. Fluency in language especially ministry terms and phrases.
6. Fruitful meetings during our Spring 2017 furlough.
7. Our young adult children studying at university and making major life and career decisions.
8. For revival of the church in America and Poland.



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