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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,

We appreciate all those who prayed for the ending events of our furlough. Christian's graduation, Annelise and DJ's wedding, Ryan's "Thank-you" tour and our preparations to return to Poland were very busy times but all the events saw the fulfilment of the purposes for which we prayed. There were no major problems during this time. Since then our children experienced a few car

Children's Day Camp - Lublin

We just finished a busy week of Children's Day Camp here in Lublin. Our theme for the week was Heroes of the Faith from Hebrews 11. Children learned what faith is and how ordinary people like Noah, Abraham, Moses and Rahab were used to do mighty works for God because they chose to follow Him and not those who opposed God and His plan. We also had segments for games, crafts and English. Here in Poland, the main meal of the day is in the middle of the day, so our program also included a hot meal. Leslie and Ed team taught the English lessons along with Gospel Ball Evangelism. Ed also helped with the daily skits and sports, and Leslie led the singing. We had an average of 16 children per day which we divided into younger and older groups. Some of them were from a children's home. Tuesday we had close to 30 children in attendance which maxed out our capacity. So we were overall very happy with the amount of children God brought our way. More children in Lublin know the Gospel and know more about God's message to them through the Bible. We have built a spiritual bridge into the lives of the families here in Lublin and hope some will begin to attend our church regularly.

bumps and a theft of two musical instruments. But we are grateful for God's continued protection and supply for us and our ministry even with these minor problems. Rejoice with us as we highlight below some our summer ministries and events. Though I'm sure there were "Welcome to Poland" signs in the airport, the "Welcome Back to Poland" signs were prominently displayed in the many kind deeds done by those who cared for our apartment and other needs during our absence. We hit the ground running as we re-entered Polish life and culture. We are glad to see God's hand in giving us further progress.

Yours for Christ and Poland,

Ed & Leslie Schick



VBS 2017 in Lublin



Learning American Baseball

Story of Hope - Polish Translation Project Update

We began the review stage of the project in March and it should be complete in August. In September, the graphics should be added and then we'll need to proof those files also. Our goal is to print the booklet during the months of November and December. Pray for the whole translation team as we work through translation decisions that must be finalized. Every week we are sharing various versions of the Story of Hope (English, Ukrainian, Slovak). Now we are showing people some of the text in Polish but soon they will be able to hold it in their hands!

Ministry Strategy

Ed is taking opportunities to spend time with ministry leaders in order to form the best ministry strategy for the work God has called us to do in Poland. It takes time to arrange meetings, travel, ask questions and carefully digest and pray about what is on the hearts of Polish Christians regarding Christ's mission in Poland. One Christian mentioned the need to show our sincere compassion for people by working in charitable ministries in our communities. A pastor is concerned about the existing church plants and the need for developing more ministry leaders for them and small churches without pastors. He believes that maybe we should start by training young teens and help to develop their spiritual gifts even before they go to university or seminary. We also talked about partnerships that would enable qualified individuals to reach these goals without the undue burdens of bi-vocational ministry. Please pray about these partnerships because they will be multi-lateral and will include churches and individuals in the U.S.



VBS Fun at Playground

Missionary Prayer Meeting

We had the opportunity to join with a group of American missionaries who met in Warsaw to pray. It was a simple, intensive time of asking the Lord to penetrate more areas of spiritual darkness in various places around Poland. It was every encouraging to see so many others sacrificing a self-serving lifestyle in order to bring the Gospel to not only the cities, but also to the small villages of Poland. This is especially important because the majority of people in Poland DO NOT live in its major cities. They live in smaller towns and villages of 5,000-12,000 people. Please pray for us as it will be likely we will soon be serving in places like these.

Polish Bible Lessons

We continue to work hard at our skills in the Polish language. Besides the practical tests we get each week at church, at stores and interacting with Polish friends, we also do a large amount of self-study. This includes vocabulary building, grammar study and numerous workbooks and computer quizzes. We hope to do a few practice tests before the real entrance test at our language school in the first week of October.

Ed will be using the Story of Hope lessons that are already translated into Polish in order to develop short lessons for every Sunday starting in September. This will allow him to regularly write and speak in Polish and build skill and confidence for bigger teaching opportunities in the future.



Ryan Thanking Paramedic

Helping a Missionary Partner Move

This week we will be saying goodbye to a dear friend and partner here in Lublin as the Lord has led her to return to the States in retirement. Tillie was the single human factor in helping us find our apartment which is both lovely and inexpensive. Tillie has been a faithful prayer partner and a true servant of the Lord. She is a second career missionary: upon her retirement as an elementary school music teacher, she came to Poland and has served here for 16 years. We are thankful that God has given us a solid team of missionaries here in Lublin, and pray that the Lord will continue to bless Tillie in her new adventures with the Lord in the States.



Ed and Leslie Help Tillie

Prayer and Praise Items

On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God

1. VBS at Chelm Baptist Church August 21-25.
2. Story of Hope Translation Project - reviewing stage.
3. Our fluency in Polish so we can clearly introduce ourselves and our ministry to Polish people.
4. Praise for sufficient funds for our current ministry needs.
5. Ryan's recovery and future medical board exam.
6. Better training of future ministry leaders in Poland.
7. Good health and a good dentist nearby.
8. Sometimes hot and stormy weather (hail in August!) but we enjoy and good home and safety.
9. Ryan has undergone two operations on his throat to improve his breathing and vocalization. He returned to his rehabilitation program in Richmond, VA on August 15.
10. Christian has a new sales job and apartment in Richmond, VA.

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