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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 trust the spiritual warmth of celebrating Christ's birth has not been lost in the deep cold of winter or some other kind of trial that may be testing your life. God is with us (Emmanuel!) through every season that we travel in life. May God bless your New Year as you trek through its twists, turns and blessings.

Each hour of every week has been more than filled with language study, Story of Hope - Polish lesson preparation, personal discipleship, Story of

Hope - Polish translation project work, partner contacts as well as family and household tasks / responsibilities. We are looking forward to new opportunities that we expect will open up soon after we finish formal language studies. Please pray with us as we need your continued partnership to make this possible.

Every year a majority of Poles have very special family Christmas celebrations, called Wigilia. While this is a great base from which to talk about the Gospel, very few of these pious people really understand that story of Christ and its specific impact on them. One by one, and family by family, we are making this yearly, religious tradition into a deep faith conviction that will save those gathered around the Christmas table.

Yours for Christ,

Ed & Leslie Schick

Polish Bibles - for America, too

Ed was able to obtain Polish Bibles, using funds sent by Heartland Community Church. These will be used for our personal and small group ministry. Some Bibles have also been sent to the US where our son, Kyle will be helping get them to Polish people there. Ever since we started our ministry, we have found it difficult to get Polish Bibles in the US. Now we are well supplied in both countries!



Ed with New Polish Bibles

Story of Hope Progress

Our Story of Hope book is on the "20-yard line" so to speak. The workers at Good Soil Evangelism in Harrisburg, PA have put the Polish text into the SOH graphics. We have a rough draft copy of the print version. Currently, we are reviewing this draft copy and hope to take the final steps for printing the booklets in March. We look forward to the day when we will have actual booklets to use to see the Gospel taught more effectively to the Polish people.



Ed teaching Story of Hope

Reaching Internationals in Lublin

While sharing about our ministry, we are often asked, "Are there Muslims in Poland?" Our response has typically been, "Well no, not that many, Poland is largely Roman Catholic." While that is true, God has given Ed an excellent opportunity to witness to a Middle Eastern classmate. As they discussed Christmas and the Gospel, Ed's friend had many questions and began to see the shortcomings of his religion. Please pray that the seed of the Gospel will take root in this man's life.



Ed with Friend

Visa Renewal

It's that time again, to renew our residency visas for living here in Poland. Please pray for us as we submit the necessary documents to renew our visas for another three years. It is a lot of work, but we are thankful for the hospitality of Poland that allows us to live and work here. We are also thankful for the good relationship that Poland and the United States share.



Ed & Leslie, Christmas 2017

Update on Ryan

Ryan has completed his therapies and started college at the Reynolds Community College in Richmond, VA. He hopes to obtain his AS in Engineering before starting work on his BS in Mechanical Engineering. He and Christian are renting an apartment together in Richmond. If you would like to have their new address, please send us a message and we will be happy to send it to you.



Christian and Ryan

A Special Announcement

During our family Christmas video call, Annelise and DJ made a very special announcement: They are expecting a baby to be born in mid-July! A little firecracker! We are so thrilled - though it is hard to imagine ourselves as Grandmom and Granddad! We are thankful that all is well with mom and baby and pray for a continued safe pregnancy and delivery.



Annelise and DJ

Financial Summary

Monthly Support	89%
Monthly Need	\$600
Need for next 12 Months	\$7,200
Next-Gen Leaders Fund	\$1,200

Our support needs have increased due to a salary increase for retirement savings and added costs for a car we hope to purchase this summer. The Next Generation Leaders Fund is to help with a new ministry which will

train young men to meet the need for pastors and church planters in Poland.

It is important that we be able to work in Poland without a critical deficit which would hinder our ministry over the next 12 months. We are hoping for two more churches to partner with us to meet this need or some individuals who can commit to an amount per year. Please consider a gift towards the \$7,200.

Prayer and Praise Items

On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God

1. Ed's **Bible lesson** every Sunday morning. For those of you with a copy of the Story of Hope, he is now teaching story #17 (The Tabernacle). He will also be preaching Sunday, February 4.
2. Ed & Leslie are team teaching **English Bible lessons** every week with a family. Ed teaches the SOH and Leslie teaches the English.
3. **Story of Hope Translation Project** - Print copy review and corrections.
4. Ed is taking advanced **Polish grammar lessons** Monday through Friday mornings at a local university. Pray for his classmates who are from around the world and most are not believers. Leslie has one tutoring session each week at the university. The students from the language school will be going on a trip to the mountains in early February.
5. **Next Generation Ministry Leaders** - Administrative set-up and funding. Pastors interested in training 200 new ministry leaders.
6. We praise that Lord for **Ryan's progress** and the **new apartment** with Christian. A **special blessing** came to Ryan on Thanksgiving when he noticed his voice starting to return to normal. His therapist later confirmed that the vocal chords they thought would never move again had started to vibrate once again.
7. For **our children** as they study, work and make plans for summer activities and especially **Annelise's pregnancy**.
8. Purchase of a used **car in Poland** along with insurance and registration.
9. Pray for increased **financial support** from those burdened to see the Gospel spread in Poland.

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