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The Schicks

Making the Gospel
Accessible
to the 38 Million People
in Poland



Ed & Leslie in Polish Spring

A Message from Your Ambassadors

Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you for receiving and reading our prayer letter.

What is a prayer letter anyway? Are they simply reports about a missionary's work in some faraway place? Or worse yet, are they just fund-raising letters to be added to all the rest?

No, our prayer letters are more than that. They are prayer requests. They are praises - Praises to our God, who loves us and actively works among us. They are invitations - Invitations to join us in a spiritual battle for the souls of the Polish people. As you read through our letter, please prayerfully consider what God may be calling you to do, to help bring the blessings of the gospel to the 38 million people in Poland. Thank you.

Yours for Christ,

Ed & Leslie Schick

Sermons at Lublin Baptist Church

As Ed has opportunity to preach, he has been preaching a sermon series on the Seven Essential Activities of a Healthy, Strong and Growing Believers. We've often referred to them as the D7 (**Discipleship 7**). Take a moment for a spiritual health check and ask God to help you strengthen what may be lacking.

Bible Study - Do you have a meaningful time of daily study in God's **Word**? **Worship** - Do you spend time personally praising and thanking God? Do you join other believers in weekly worship? **Prayer** - Do you have a meaningful time of daily personal prayer when you talk to God about the Lord's plan for your life, your sins, your needs and the needs of others?

Obedience - When God makes you aware of sin in your life, do you practice confession and forgiveness as a means to remedy that sin, and develop healthy actions instead? **Fellowship** - Do you follow God's design and will for the . . . (see page 3)

Financial Summary

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| Monthly Support | 81% |
| Monthly Need | \$1,080 |
| Need for next 12 Months | \$12,900 |
| Car Fund - \$6,500 given | \$3,500 |
| Next-Gen Leaders Fund | \$1,200 |

Mini Furlough 2019

May-June, 2019. We will be returning to the States for a short furlough to meet our new grandson and celebrate Johanna's graduation from college. We will also be available for reports or missions conferences for those who request.

In our grief, He is already there.

In our last letter, we asked for prayer for a special couple in our church, Andrzej and Joasia, who recently lost their 2½ year old granddaughter in a horrible car accident shortly before Easter. Thank you for upholding them in prayer. Through the strength of the Lord, Andrzej and Joasia have been examples of faith both in our church and among the unbelievers in their family. We know that the loss of their sweet little granddaughter never took God by surprise. And for Andrzej and Joasia, God had planned a special way to comfort them: we are happy to announce, that the couple that suffered the loss of their daughter, recently had a healthy baby boy born to them. God is close to the broken hearted. It is the Lord, himself, who comforts us in our grieving. To quote Joasia, "God is good. God is good in life and God is good in death." Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Climb Mountains . . . is a blog page, our son, Christian, has created. He recently put out a fantastic article entitled "The Storming of Thunder Ridge 2018 - a Resurrection Story." ([Thunder Ridge Article](#)) As you read, we're certain you will praise God for the "Resurrection." We also hope, that as you read Christian's blog page, you will get to know him in some small way and be encouraged to pray for him as he looks for a job as a copy writer.



Boże Ciało Procession

The Body of Christ

"Boże Ciało" (literally "The Body of God") is known in the English-speaking world as "Corpus Christi." It is a Catholic holiday that which teaches that the real body and blood of Christ are present when participants take the host in the Mass. The churches have processions, which include a time when the people kneel on the streets to honor the moment when they believe the elements turn into the body and blood of Christ. We as Baptists believe that Christ instituted Lord's Supper as a remembrance of what Christ did for us on the cross. The elements do not have any spiritual power themselves.

Since it is a national holiday, everyone has off from work. The Baptists in Poland took the opportunity to celebrate the body of Christ, the Church, with large regional picnics. Our picnic took place at the Seminary grounds in Warsaw, where we had about 500 people in attendance. It was great to be able to connect with fellow believers from other congregations. There was an added blessing to this event because the local TV station loaned video equipment to the organizers so the worship service could be recorded and rebroadcast on one of the main channels in Poland. Though the Polish Baptist association of churches is barely 100 in number, they are able to take strategic opportunities to make a large impact on their country.

God's Book of Life

"Do you think that your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life?" This was the last question we asked during our final session of English Bible Lessons using the Story of Hope with a mother and her teen-aged son. The mother responded, "Yes! -- simply on the basis of faith in Christ" -- and then she added, "Hallelujah!"

Prayer and Praise

On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God

1. Ed as he teaches through the Story of Hope. The last Sunday's story was #36 – Jesus' Return for Believers.
2. Praise the Lord for a good year of English Bible lessons with a mother and her teen-aged son as well as with Nazar, an elementary aged boy.
3. Story of Hope Translation Project - Deadline for printing: July 21.
4. Pray for our continued language learning.
5. Funding for a used car in Poland along with insurance and registration. Thank you to those who have given to this need, we are over half way to our goal of \$10,000.
6. Praise for increased financial support and special gifts from those burdened to see the Gospel spread in Poland.
7. For Christian as he searches for a job in copy writing.
8. For Annelise's pregnancy and the safe arrival of little Joseph Whittemore. Please also pray for our son-in-law, DJ as he has been struggling with some on-going health issues.

Sermons (continued)

relationships in your life? **Service** - Do you use your God-given gifts and abilities to meet your own needs as well as to serve others especially family members and those in the Church?

Witness - Do you share the Gospel with unsaved people at every opportunity and train other disciples to walk faithfully with Christ? May the Lord help us to be healthy, strong and growing believers even as we await his appearing.



Baptism of a New Convert



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