

NOVEMBER, 2013

THE SCHICKS

MAKING THE GOSPEL ACCESSIBLE TO THE 38 MILLION PEOPLE IN POLAND

ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTION

Ok. I'll try it. I'll ask the question I dread hearing when a salesman is really trying to get me to buy something: "What's it going to take to get you to support Schicks to Poland?" Does that question work for you? Maybe not. I myself don't like it when people use persuasive gimmicks on me. So perhaps we need to consider a better question; one that gets to the heart of the matter: **"What will it take to get you to love Polish people like Jesus does?"** Jesus came to earth, died for you and saved you from an eternity in hell. He wants us to show that same love to others thus bringing glory to Himself and heavenly reward to us. **Would you consider a special Christmas gift that help us take the love of Jesus to Poland in August 2014?**

Here are some needs for you to consider:

Air Travel \$2,200

Language School \$2,415

Ministry Travel \$1,800

Language Learning Tools \$300

Please note that the last date for our mission agency (CMC) to process receipts for 2013 will be December 19.

FALL MEETINGS

Our Fall meeting schedule was busy especially during October. Our trip to Michigan centered around a Mission Conference at **Beaverton Baptist Church** in central Michigan. Our time with missions minded believers was blessed abundantly. Leslie and I taught Junior Church children about Poland and the spiritual needs of children there. We have been approved for future support. That evening we had an opportunity to share briefly at **Grace Baptist Church** in Saginaw and spoke with our new Polish friends Wes and Anna Grzenia. On our next trip to New Jersey, we met with another Polish friend and were able to engage her with a discussion about the Gospel. Our time at **Haddon Heights Baptist Church in New Jersey** was blessed and busy in many ways with the following: Men's Breakfast (Ed), Ladies Tea (Leslie), Sunday School Classes (3), Morning Ministry Introduction and Message, Missions Committee Meeting, Evening Ministry Presentation, meal with the senior pastor and wife, and last but not least, an early morning visit with our newlyweds in Maryland on our way home. The church will consider us for future support. Our trip to **First Baptist Church in Eden, NY** involved our typical ministry presentation and preaching but was also filled with many personal conversations on Poland and God's work there. While we were in New York, **Ryan and Johanna** participated more locally at **Heartland Community Church's** International Missions Festival. They gave an introduction in the service and manned a table along with other missionaries. They also enjoyed a luncheon provided by the church. Big step to present missions without Dad and Mom there! On our way back from Eden, we stopped in Erie, PA for a possible contact with a Polish ministry leader. We eventually got through to our contact who lives in Erie, but discovered he was currently in Poland that day. Leslie and I enjoyed a few moments on the shore before finishing our trip home. By the end of this group of meetings our committed support level jumped 8%. (See report below).

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WINTER SCHEDULE

Here are some of the trips and church meetings we will be involved in the upcoming months:

November - Church Visits in Our Area

December - Meeting with Individuals including a trip to the Detroit area during Christmas time (December 21-25).

January - Maranatha Baptist Church in Columbus, OH (January 22).

February - Detroit Area Church and Individual Visits

PARTNERSHIP SUMMARY (November 2013)

Partners	Monthly Support	Goals
Churches 13	\$5,200 (Needed)	Churches 25
Individuals 27	\$2,877 (Current)	Individuals 60
Total 40	55%	Total 85



The Christmas Star in Poland

The Bethlehem star is an important Christmas symbol. Wigilia is the Polish name for Christmas Eve. The word sounds close to our "vigil" meaning "to await." For Poles, Christmas Eve is a day of fasting and waiting for that first star to appear in the sky signifying the Coming of Christ and the start of their Christmas celebrations. They also call the Christmas celebration Gwiazda, or "Little Star." For more on this tradition see www.polishcenter.org/Christmas/WIGILIA-ENG.htm.

FAMILY UPDATES: Quick Points on our Ever-Active Family

Christian's school, Liberty University suffered a tragedy when a male student from his off-campus dorm attacked a police officer and was killed. We are thankful no other students were hurt but also pray for those who have lost a family member and friend.

Ryan had the privilege of playing at Severance Hall with the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony. The Lord has given Ryan this talent and the path needed to develop it.

Johanna just completed her cross-country season with an Award recognizing her hard work and progress in spite of injuries. She also made National Honor Society.

PRAYER AND PRAISE - *On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God*

1. More **Polish Christian literature** to use in evangelism and discipleship.
2. That **church mission budgets** will recover or grow in order for us to receive support from churches that have approved us.
3. Praise the Lord for those who have responded to our presentations and appeals to **join our team** in partnership in the Gospel ministry.
4. Praise for two large **gifts** from our supporting churches that will take care of some large **medical bills** this year and a **special class** for Johanna.

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