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THE SCHICKS

MAKING THE GOSPEL ACCESSIBLE TO THE 38 MILLION PEOPLE IN POLAND

A Message from Your Ambassadors

"IS IT WORTH IT? WILL IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?"

Some people today ask this question in a cynical way. Others ask the question to be certain that what they are doing is meaningful. People who talk about their purpose and goals in life will often say that they want to make a difference in the world in some way. It is good to ask a value question like this, especially before moving to a new place and beginning a new ministry.

THE GOSPEL MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The Good News of Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection means that people can be saved from the sentence of death caused by their sin against God. They can live lives centered on doing life God's way, instead of ruining their lives by experimentation or rebellion. The Gospel gives us the hope that no matter how dark times get, God will help us, not only to make it through but to have joy in the hope of a full restoration and reward in the end.

OUR CALLING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Through these years of seeking partners for our ministry there have been a number of times we could have considered quitting due to man-made calculations and human emotions. But God's call on our lives has never really been in question even with the lack of funds and length of time it has taken to get to the field. It is ultimately God whom we serve and to whom we owe our allegiance. The best use of our gifts and abilities is to preach and teach the Gospel to everyone especially Polish people. We have been doing this faithfully over the years and now we are soon to do this full time in the land of Poland itself. God's call also involves his sovereign choice of timing. It has been often said "God Is Never Late; He's Seldom Early; He's Always Right on Time." We see this more clearly now as God has brought together a team of partners and has opened a path for us to go to Poland.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In God's great work of missions, He uses groups of people to spread the life changing message of the Gospel. Without your support, we cannot make a Gospel difference in Poland. It was your dedication that caused us to pause and ask "How can we quit and not fulfill what people have supported with their prayers, work and

donations." So, a big shout-out to those of you who stood with us in the darkest of times. You know who you are. God saw what you did to help us. He will not neglect to reward you now and more gloriously in the end. Your faithfulness is why we have reached this exciting launching point for our ministry in Poland. Like Paul we can say "I always pray with joy because of your partnership." (Philippians 1:4-5)

Z Bogiem (God bless you),

Ed & Leslie Schick



Ministry Development

CONTACTS, MEETINGS AND COMMITMENTS

Heartland Community Church, Medina, OH -

We shared a 3 minute Q&A in each of 3 services and also shared the Gospel Ball in each of the corresponding children's services. The children's ministry was a great joy as we explained the Gospel ball and challenged them to put their faith in Christ and to share the Gospel with friends. About 8 children showed personal interest in the salvation message. We had about 10 people sign up to get our prayer letter.



Ed and Johanna Present the Gospel Ball

Bible Baptist Church - Brownsville, PA - We sent a "Schicks to Poland VBS Kit" for them to use as the highlight our ministry during their children's outreach this week.

Re-Connections - We will be visiting supporting churches and individuals over these last weeks before going to Poland. These are precious times for us to thank partners and to share with them how God is answering their prayers for us.

Polish Friends - During our pre-field ministry, we have had many opportunities to connect with Polish people, including believers and churches that have greatly encouraged us along the way. In addition, we have connected with other missionaries to Poland who in recent weeks have been an invaluable source of information and advice in regards to living and ministering in Poland. The apartment that is waiting for us in Lublin is a result of their prayers and help.

Full Support! - We are happy to announce that we are at 100% support for our initial year in Poland. Recent gifts have fully funded our language school tuition and closed the gap in our committed monthly support. A big praise to God for those who have faithfully given over the years and those who recently have invested in this great venture in the Lord's harvest field.

Tickets! - We've purchased our plane tickets for Poland. We'll be flying out of Washington, D.C. and landing in Warsaw on Tuesday, September 16.



Financial Update

Partners

Churches	14
Individuals	34
Total	48

Monthly Support

Budget	\$ 5,200
Funded	\$ 4,137 (80%)
Need	\$ 1,260 (20%)
Gap Fund	\$15,120 (for 12 Months)

INITIAL YEAR 100% FUNDED!



Family with Sergeant Baker

On the Front Lines of Reaching People for Christ

3L Plan

We will soon be moving to Poland with Johanna in September to begin our initial year in ministry.

Living in Lublin in SE Poland from October to June.

Learning the Language Monday to Friday.

Looking for Long Term Ministry on the weekends.

Ministry Discovery - Our partners are vital to helping us pray for God's guidance for our place of long term ministry in Poland. We have a list of places to visit in order to see what the Lord is doing there, and whether we potentially could help in a ministry there. Recently we heard of a group of believers who live in a town that has no evangelical church for them to attend. These are the kind of leads that we believe God will use to guide us. We really appreciate your prayers.

Discipleship Opportunities - Ed is continuing to develop the **D7 Spiritual Development Program**. He recently finished an e-mail beta test with a pastor. Leslie and Ed will soon be using the program in a couple to couple format via video/audio conferencing. The program continues to improve as we see people using these biblical principles while at the same time giving us feedback how to better present them. See the "D7 Spiritual Development" section below for small samples of these principles.

Prayer and Praise Items

On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God

1. Praise for God's great faithfulness during our pre-field ministries.
2. Praise for having 100% of our support needs for our initial year by August 2014.
3. Prayer for partner churches and believers to have the strength to faithfully support us in prayer and financial stewardship.
4. Prayer for all the details concerning our transition to life and ministry in Poland.
5. Praise for the sale of our 1998 Buick LeSabre.

Important Upcoming Events

August 12 & 15 Annelise and Christian return to their universities.

August 21 Move to Ray, MI.

September 16 Ed, Leslie and Johanna fly to Poland.

October 27 Ryan begins Marine Boot Camp



Annelise at McDonald's

Family News

Quick Points on our Ever-Active Family

Kyle - Early in our pre-field time we knew Kyle would not be going with us in full-time ministry to Poland. By faith, he had always imagined himself seeing us off at the airport. Since he and his wife Hannah live in Maryland, it seemed like this would not work out. Then it all came together when Kyle requested to buy our old Buick. We decided to simply drive the car to their home, and fly out of D.C. Now, they will be able to see us off to Poland. What a blessing! God cares about these things. Our family Bible study in the book of Acts has taught us that God will direct our paths, including our missionary travel!

Ryan and Johanna's Extended Stay in

Brunswick - Ryan needs to stay in the area due to his pre-military training and Johanna will be finishing her employment during the three weeks after our move to Michigan. This has been made possible by the generous hospitality of two families from our sending church.

Boy's Bike Trip - We are grateful that Christian and Ryan had a safe and successful **bike trip** along the Great Allegheny Passage (a rail to trail route) and the C & O Trail (a towpath trail). Their first day was rough, but the beautiful trails, tour in D.C. and the



Ryan and Christian Begin in Pittsburgh

sense of accomplishment was well worth it. Annelise and Johanna fulfilled a mission to transport a custom-made wooden bed to Kyle and Hannah. It was made by Ed's dad. So they all had an enjoyable time together before heading back home.

Move Information - Please note our address change. This is Ed's parents' home where we will be staying for three weeks before our move to Poland. This will be our legal U.S. residence. You will be able to continue to reach us with the 330 (Brunswick, OH) number as well as our 586 (Ray, MI) mobile numbers.

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D7 Spiritual Development

The Condition of Our World Today

Which statement describes the conditions of various aspects of our society, churches and people today?

- A. Gradually making improvement.
- B. About the same as it has always been.
- C. In a slow decline.
- D. Drastically declining in recent years.

Although some might argue that the world has its ups and downs, we don't find many honest adults who see the world today as being in a Golden Age spiritually, morally, socially and economically. We know from Scripture that the presence of sin in the world creates a condition in which we should call on the Lord to rescue us through His redemptive work. But how does He do this?

What action should we take?

We believe that the solution to all the problems that people face is ultimately rooted in a person's relationship with Christ. A

person who surrenders to Christ is not only saved from the penalty of sin in the afterlife but also has the power to arrest the effects of sin in this earthly life.

D7 is a program that teaches people to be genuine and effective disciples that make a larger spiritual impact on their community and world.

For more information please contact us using the Contact Info above.



Together at Kyle & Hannah's