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The Schicks

Making the Gospel Accessible to the 38 Million People in Poland

A Message from Your Ambassadors

Language School > Climbing the Mountain - Language study is progressing well and we are able to understand more conversations and speak about more things. We all passed our semester exams with mostly 5's in the three areas of evaluation. During our semester break we traveled with our language class to Zakopane, a resort city near the Tatar Mountains. The mountain trails, adorned with God's beauty, reminded us of His power in comparison to our feebleness as we slowly made our way to the summit. Polish language study has been like that for us. We've hiked for a long time at the foot of the mountain but then suddenly! There it is! Our first lookout! And it shows us something we've never seen (or heard) before in our lives. We feel this way as we are hearing more fully our first conversations and sermons in Polish. At the beginning of the new semester, we gained more students in our language school as well as a new teacher for our group. Like last semester we are inviting the new students to come to our local Baptist church. Some have faithfully attended.

The Bigger Picture - While we work hard on the ground (or base of the mountain) we are reminded that God has a bigger picture and plan that He is working out for His glory and the advance of the Gospel everywhere, including your field of ministry. As the winds of war increasingly blow in the east we are trusting God to help people see the urgency of the Gospel so that not just our lives, but also our communities and our countries might be saved from the judgment and wrath of God. Please pray for us as we seek to effectively aim our labor at the task of making more and better followers of Christ.

Yours for Christ and Poland,

With Love,

Ed & Leslie Schick



Schicks in Tatar Mountains



Language Class

Spiritual Needs

Ripe Fruit Ready for Harvest - Not all, but many Polish people are very well exposed to Christianity and regularly attend their church at least once a week. Most of them have a Bible and at one time in their life were instructed in some Bible teaching and theology.

This is a great place to start in missions work. Like those in the Apostle Paul's day, they are receptive to the Gospel should someone dare to break into their spiritual world to challenge them. Sometimes this challenge is as simple as asking two questions: 1. Do you have a Bible? 2. Do you read your Bible? The answer to the first question is quite often "Yes." The answer to the second question is usually "No." This provides a great opportunity to meet this need by offering them help in beginning a personal study of God's Word. We believe that the Bible continues to be the most important weapon in our arsenal to combat the spiritual darkness here in Poland.

Future Plans

We are planning a summer furlough in order to bring Johanna back to the U.S. and to help her begin her university studies. We also need to report to and challenge our partners as we seek to begin a second year of language studies. This is necessary to complete the grammatical foundation we need to be proficient in Polish. If you would like us visit to give a ministry update let us know soon, so we can plan our travel.



Resident Card Decision Letters

Meeting Spiritual Needs

Even with our limited Polish ability. There is much we can and have been doing for the cause of Christ. Ed has had a number of opportunities to preach with the help of an English translator.

We especially seek to help new people at our church including some who have recently moved here from Ukraine. Leslie has recently joined our church's worship team. We continue to develop an informal ministry to various individuals in our language class, on the bus and in the local stores. One example of this was a man whom Leslie had met at a local library. He was surprised to hear that God loves him, and that God loves the people of Poland. It was an entirely new concept for him and one that he was happy to learn and think about. More Poles are hearing the Gospel because you have sent us here as your ambassadors and more Christians are being challenged to grow in their walk with Christ.

Partnership and Financial Report

If we receive the remainder of promised support for our first year (2014-15) we should end our financial year in good shape. Our hope is to return in September 2015 to start our second term if our funding is sufficient.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Monthly Need.	\$5,200	
Committed.	\$4,358	84%
Not Yet Committed.	\$842	16%
Need for next 12 Months. .	\$10,104	
Language School Year 2. .	\$6,700	

Prayer and Praise Items

On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God

1. **Language Study** - Classes, study, practice.
Vocabulary Word Goals - 1,500 in 2015 and 3,000 by 2016.
2. The **Spiritual Needs** of the Polish people (see above).
3. **Ministries** - Preaching, Bible Study, Counseling / Discipleship.
4. **Partner Support and Financial Needs** - (see above)
5. Praise God for His provision for a **car** needed for transportation on our furlough.
6. **Family Report** - Pray for our students in the final stretches of their semesters.

Annelise is nearing the end of her pre-law studies at Cedarville University.

Christian is finishing his sophomore year at Liberty University. He is also involved in the school's triathlon team as well as working the night shift as manager at the local McDonald's.

Ryan has successfully completed his Marine Boot Camp Training as well as Marine Combat Training. He has begun his music studies as a Marine at the Navy School of Music.

Johanna has had opportunities to impact individual young people here in Poland by teaching English as a second language.



Ryan Graduation from Marine Boot Camp

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