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# The Schicks

# Making the Gospel Accessible to the 38 Million People in Poland

## A Message from Your Ambassadors

Dear Faithful Partners,

The Lord answered our prayers and yours as He granted us safe travel to the U.S. Ed had mild respiratory and throat symptoms when we left Lublin, but they did not deepen during the trip. Ed also had two great witnessing opportunities during our travels including one conversation with an Iranian businessman. We had a nice couple of days with Kyle & Hannah in Washington D.C. before traveling to Ed's parents' home in Ray, MI. Annelise, Christian and Johanna are staying here for the summer as well as they work at their summer jobs and prepare for school in the Fall. We have had a couple of weeks to settle in, prepare our vehicles for work and ministry, and also complete our itinerary for meeting with churches and individuals. We also hope to continue our Polish studies and take opportunities to witness to and disciple people. In our first week here, Leslie met a Polish lady with her young son and was able to share the Gospel with them. Many doors of opportunity lay before us. Please read our letter completely and be faithful in prayer.

Yours for Christ and Poland,

With Love,

Ed & Leslie Schick



S2P Team 2014

## **Spiritual Needs**

Colossians 4:3 says "And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains." We have asked you to pray for the spiritual needs of people and for open doors to share the Gospel. In this past year, those prayers were answered time and time again as we lived among the Polish people and studied with their students, many of whom were international students. We have recently produced a video that describes the spiritual needs of people in Poland and will continue to the Gospel and the D7 Discipleship Course to meet that need. We will publish this on the internet soon or send it by DVD to any who are interested in viewing it. In the video, we describe people who are devoted to God, who piously worship Him every Sunday, but who are without a personal faith. They are more like institutional participants than children of God. They learn some moral principles, but they don't have a personal motivation or desire to begin a walk with God that is instructed from His Word and led by His Spirit. Many of these people have never been challenged to make a personal faith decision to follow Christ. In the upcoming months, we hope to continue to challenge many of these people to put their faith in Christ.



Lublin Baptist Church Senior Members (Door to New Sanctuary)

## **Meeting Spiritual Needs**

Church Planting Conference - Ed was able to learn more about church planting movements in Europe. The conference did much to encourage pastors and missionaries in Poland to take on the challenge of starting new churches that can reach more people with the Gospel.

A Monumental, Emotional and Wonderfully Blessed Day. Our final Sunday in our church in Lublin was all of that. Firstly, we had 8 **Baptisms** – many of them young adults testifying of their personal faith in Christ and commitment to follow him. Some were from Ukraine and are seeking education and opportunities to work and serve. Each had given testimony to God's grace in their lives in the weeks prior to their baptism. Secondly, a church member was reunited with his family after months of waiting. We met him last November when he had taken a job transfer from Eastern Ukraine to Poland. As a young Christian father, he alone was able to come to Poland on a job visa. All year long, we had been praying that soon his wife and two children would receive the proper visas to join him. God did that our last Sunday in Lublin. Little things, like watching him whisper in his wife's ear, or the little boy sitting on his daddy's lap, brought a deep joy to our hearts. We were grateful that God allowed us to see these wonderful answers to prayer before we had to say, "Good-bye for now."



Ed with Ukrainian Friend

#### **Future Plans**

July 11-17 Brunswick, OH.

July 12 Grace Baptist Church, Brunswick, OH.

**July 15** Ambassador Baptist Church, Wadsworth, OH.

July 18-21 First Baptist Church, Eden, NY.

**July 22-26** Virginia Beach and Quantico, VA. Anniversary Celebration (28<sup>th</sup>), Ryan's Graduation from Music School.

**August 2** Hope Community Baptist Church, Sterling Heights, MI.

**August 3-4** Lynchburg, VA. Move Annelise and Christian to their apartment.

**August 5** New Harmony Baptist Church, Caldwell, OH.

**August 11-12** Cedarville, OH. Move Johanna to Cedarville University.

August 13-16 Brunswick, OH.

**August 16** Heartland Community Church, Medina, OH and Monclova Road Baptist Church, Monclova, OH.

August 23 Polish Church.

**September 6** Stony Creek Community Church, Utica, MI.

September 9 South Jersey Area.

**September 12** Quantico, VA. Schick Family Gathering.

**September 15** Ed & Leslie fly to Warsaw, Poland to begin their second year of language study.



Lublin Baptist Church Worship Team

## **Financial Report**

Monthly Committed	%
Monthly Need	10
Next 12 Months Need \$4,23	36
Language School Year 2 \$6,70	00

## **Language Study**

Thanks for praying about our Polish studies and exams. Ed was a little disappointed with his exam results but the overall scores were good to great: Ed (4+), Leslie (5), Johanna (5). So we are well on our way to learning Polish but as you can see, there is some room for improvement. :) The hard work of language study also allowed us to build many dear friendships with teachers and fellow students so there were some tearful goodbyes when we concluded the semester. We hope to continue our own personal summer school using 2-3 hours each morning for review and practice on words and grammar.



Ed Receives One Year Diploma

## **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 and new video).
- 3. **Ministries** Preaching, Bible Studies, Discipleship Meetings
- 4. Partner Support and Financial Needs (see above)
- 5. Pray for the **sale of our Astro van** after this summer. Since 2002 and for 213,000 miles it has safely carried us to work, churches, schools and recreation areas.
- 6. **Family Report** Pray for children as they work summer jobs and prepare for new places to work and study this Fall.

**Annelise** has completed her pre-law studies at Cedarville University.

**Christian** has completed his sophomore year at Liberty University. He is involved in the school's triathlon team and works the night shift as a manager at the local McDonald's.

**Ryan** is nearing the end of his music studies as a Marine at the Navy School of Music. He was able to qualify for the accelerated program and will be graduating a month early.

**Johanna** successfully completed her year of language study with us in Poland, and will soon begin her studies at Cedarville University in Computer Engineering.



Lublin Missionary Fellowship

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Ed & Leslie in the University Courtyard