

December, 2015

The Schicks

Making the Gospel Accessible to the 38 Million People in Poland

A Message from Your Ambassadors

Dear Faithful Partners,

Often when Polish people first meet us, they quickly realize that we are not tourists, and that we are working hard to learn Polish. So they often ask, "What are you going to be doing in Poland?" We are missionaries and our mission is to teach people what God is saying to them in the Bible. We are also in Poland, because God has called us, given us partners and opened many doors here. We have so many more opportunities than we had expected; more than we can put in this prayer letter; more than we can express in Polish in praise to God at our Sunday morning church service. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing here.

At this time of year, we should also ask another question, "Why is God here?" (Why did Christ come to earth, and then send the Holy Spirit to be here after He left?) Christ came as a missionary: His mission was to bring the message, that through faith, people can be saved from their sin and receive multiplied blessings and peace from God. As we gather with Polish friends and families, we will reflect on all Christ did in coming to earth to secure our salvation. We will imagine ourselves as modern day shepherds and angels heralding the message to the people God has placed near us.

May God bless you and yours during this blessed Christmas season.

Ed & Leslie Schick

New Things to Note

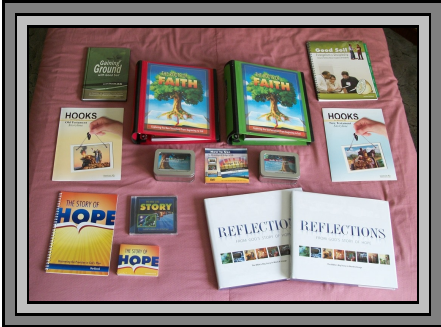
Please note our **new address** in Poland (See contact info). We are grateful to the Lord for His provision through your prayers and through the direct help of one of our missionary friends in Lublin. Remember you can use a U.S. **phone** number to reach us in Poland. Please call before 3pm.

Joining God's Work in Poland

If you would like to invest in God's work in Poland through our ministry, you can send a gift by check to our service agency or by going online and using the "Click & Give" web page: www.myclickandgive.com



Language School Friends



Story of Hope Materials

Language School

We continue our intensive language instruction and study. Leslie and I are in different and larger groups this year, which puts us in touch with more people. Our new apartment is further from the city center, but we use the travel time to study and review words -- sometimes with the help of quizzing applications on our smart phones. We have many activities outside our classes that put us in contact with Polish people, including shopping and of course our ministries. These help us with our language and give us witnessing opportunities as well.

We have longer classes this year (4 hours daily) plus demanding home study. This has made it a challenge to write prayer letters and communicate directly with ministry partners. We are intent on finishing our formal training by June 2016. Thank you for your prayers and faithful support to accomplish this goal.

Church Ministries

We participate in a weekly home group. We have been studying 1 & 2 Timothy. This gives us a great opportunity to read Bible verses in Polish and pray simple prayers in broken Polish. We are so glad that God can understand our prayers in any language and that our Polish Christian friends are so patient with us. We don't catch all of the Polish discussion, but our group leader fills in some blanks for us. It is a great encouragement to see some Polish Christians with vibrant and active faith, caring for each other and reaching out to the lost. Ed preaches from time to time and Leslie sings with the worship team. Ed preaches with an Polish interpreter, but is able to turn out some Polish statements from time to time. Leslie also does some English as second language tutoring that provides opportunity for ongoing evangelism and discipleship opportunities.

Translation Project

We are currently seeking assistance in the translation of one of our main evangelism and evangelism training tools. The Story of Hope is a very useful, high quality booklet that explains the Gospel using Bible stories and a Bridge to Life summary. Since 2008, we have been waiting for this to be translated into Polish and in fact would have been using it with Polish people in recent years. As we see the end of formal language studies approaching, we wish to help this project move to completion. There are a number of hurdles and obstacles that have kept this project from starting up. Please pray that God would open this door of opportunity like He has done with so many other seemingly impossible goals in our ministry. If you would like to contribute financially to this project, please see our contact information and designate your gift to "Literature Fund." We are hoping that full funding for the project will remove at least one obstacle preventing the printing of this valuable evangelistic tool that will help us reach the 38 million people of Poland with the Gospel.

Prayer and Praise Items

On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God

1. Praise for God's supply of all the things we needed for our **new apartment**.
2. **Language School** study and witness to teachers and students.
3. **Discipleship and witnessing** opportunities especially during the holidays.
4. Story of Hope **translation project**.
5. **Adult children** as they work, study and serve the Lord. Safety for them as they travel during the holidays.
6. Churches, **ministries**, pastors and missionaries scattered throughout Poland.
7. Praise to God for meeting our **financial needs** through faithful and generous giving.

Open Doors

We've been amazed at the doors God has opened for us in Poland. One example is that of our neighbor who lives directly above us in our apartment building. Our church has an outreach program for special needs children once a month on a Saturday. Our neighbor above us has a child with down syndrome. One day, we invited the mom and child -- they came the following Saturday, loved it, and plan to continue to come. It was a simple but glorious advance of God's grace into their lives.



Fulmana Apartment Buildings

Contact Info

Schicks

ul. Fulmana 7/87
20-492 Lublin
POLAND
330-460-6207
S2P@EdSchick.com

Sending Church

Grace Baptist Church
Brunswick, OH

Service Agency

Central Missionary Clearinghouse
PO Box 219228
Houston, TX 77218
281-599-7411

www.cmcmissions.org

Other Online Information

Website www.EdSchick.com

FaceBook "Schicks to Poland"
(Page and Group)

If you would like to change your subscription or unsubscribe, please write or call us. If you would like this letter in another format please let us know. Thanks.



Fulmana Apartment