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The Schicks

Making the Gospel Accessible to the 38 Million People in Poland

A Message from Your Ambassadors

Dear Prayer Partners,

What does a summer bring? Lots of outdoor opportunities and activities. Our summer is only half over and yet we feel so much has happened in these short weeks. Please take a few moments to read how God is working through your prayers and support of our ministry in Poland. While we rejoice in what God is doing, there is even more that can be done. Please work along with us to see the brightness of God's glory shine in a world that struggles in darkness.

Ed & Leslie Schick

Bible Day Camps in Lublin and Chełm

All praise to God for what He accomplished in the day camps this past week. Both camps saw a total of 136 children come to hear Bible stories and learn English along with many other fun activities. For the Lublin Baptist Church it was a step of faith to attempt a full week of day camp since they hadn't done one in ten years. A 20-member mission team from the Grace Baptist Church of Brunswick, OH came to help us with games, crafts and English lessons. God led and provided in many ways even as challenges popped up from time to time to threaten our efforts. But as we stepped out in faith, we saw the Lord take our efforts and creativity, and multiply it in a variety of ways.

The tracts we wished to have for the children could not be ordered from the U.S., but at the last minute a Polish pastor translated the text and a local printer designed and printed the children's Gospel tract in Polish. It was given to each child who attended the day camps in Lublin and Chełm. One of the mothers, who had been raised in our church, but had fallen away from the Lord, said she would like to come back to church again. One of the Lublin workers, discovered she had some gifts in children's ministry and said she would like to get some teacher training in order to help in our Sunday School. A number of children prayed to receive Christ and others expressed a clear understanding of the gospel. At Chełm, two teens have been rescued from broken homes and now enjoy fellowship with a Christian youth group that can help them in their Christian walk. And as we look to the future . . . everyone said they would like to do it again next year!



The Chełm Story - Part 2

In our last letter, we shared about how long ago an American mission team helped to start a day camp at the Chełm Baptist Church in southeast Poland. The question we asked was about the effectiveness of teen mission teams or resident missionaries: If mission teams or missionaries start a new ministry in a church in Poland, what will happen to that ministry if the mission team does not return or if the missionary leaves that area? What about the other churches in Poland that could also benefit from this kind of ministry? In the case of the Chełm church, the missions teams stopped coming after the third year. For the fourth year they had to decide if they were going to be able to put on a day camp without the aid of the American team. They decided to go for it and have done so every year for the last 10 years.

We believe it is best when mission teams and missionaries expect churches to continue these ministries while going on to multiply their ministry in other cities in Poland. This year we saw this expansion in Lublin. (See Day Camp story)

Story of Hope - Translation Project

We have four translators actively working on the project. There are 10 pages done of the first draft translation so that means we have completed 25% of the raw translation. There will also be two stages of review before the text goes to graphic processing and then on to printing. We need your prayers for our translators and reviewers as well as some funds for the workers and printing (see Financial Report).

We keep reminding ourselves that this is a spiritual service to God and that it gives blessings here as well in eternity. Leslie and I are using what Polish text is already completed in our numerous witnessing opportunities. We are also using it for evangelism training. So the practical impact of this project on the preaching of the gospel among Polish people has started even before its final publication.

An Unlikely Meeting

Returning home on Sunday from Chełm, our van driver dropped us off at a far distant section of the city, where we were not familiar. We felt like we were in the wrong place, but God had other ideas. We decided to stop at the grocery store to buy some water and plan our course from there. Outside the grocery store, we met a man with his wife, son and dog - on bicycles.

We discovered that they were from Gdynia and had been on a 14 day bicycle tour of Poland. We were able to share the Gospel and challenge them to read the Bible to discover what God has said. We expressed the importance of having a personal faith in Christ; and we encouraged them to visit the Baptist Church in Gdynia. They eagerly asked questions and patiently listened to our simple Polish. In the end the man said they would definitely visit the church because he had noticed something different about our faces - there was a certain kind of joy. This was similar to what he had seen with the Baptists he had met 14 years ago. One person plants, another waters, but God gives the increase.



Schicks to Poland Financial Summary

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| Monthly Need | \$5,300 | |
| Committed | \$4,900 | 92% |
| Not Yet Committed | \$400 | 8% |
| Need for next 12 Months | \$4,900 | |
| Story of Hope Translation | \$3,000 | |

Most of our support comes from churches and individuals who give on a regular basis. Some of our support (30%) comes from single gifts given throughout any given year. If our monthly need is met, we can more effectively spend our time focused mainly on ministry in Poland. The Story of Hope project is currently in process but will need full funding to pay the translators and the printer.



What's Next? Camp!!

We have a little over a week before we head out for two intensive weeks of English Camp. August 7-20 we will be in Świętajno (shvee-en-tie-no), in the Northeast part of Poland, where we will be teaching elementary aged children English and Bible.

Important Upcoming Dates

August 7-20 Children's Camp in Świętajno NE Poland
September - Important Projects, Meeting in Warsaw
October-December - Additional language studies at KUL
December 20 - U.S. Furlough
May 2017 Return to Poland



Prayer and Praise Items

On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God

1. Praise God for the **children who heard the Gospel** in the Bible Day Camps and especially those who made decisions to follow Christ. Pray that parents and caretakers will be willing to bring their children to church every Sunday.
2. Spiritual fruit and safety during our weeks at the **Świątajno camp**.
3. Story of Hope **translation project** - translators, reviewers, funding.
4. Daily **discipleship and witnessing** opportunities especially with summertime opportunities.
5. Personal **language study**.
6. That God will open up ministry partnership opportunities for us during our **Spring furlough**.
7. This month **Christian and Johanna** are beginning their Fall semester at **Liberty University**.
8. Praise God **Kyle** completed his **Master's Degree** and is looking for a **career job**.
9. For the **spiritual and moral health** of believers in Poland and the U.S.

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