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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,

I've included a detailed account of my first furlough ministry trip to Michigan and Ohio on the last page of our letter. These trips include reports to supporting churches, informal update with individual prayer partners and many other opportunities to share the Gospel and train believers to be better followers of Christ. Thanks for your faithfulness in reading, praying and taking actions that will allow more people to hear and understand the Gospel. Note well that it is best to use our regular contact info at this time even though we are still based in Richmond, VA. So we still receive mail via our Ray, MI address and of course our phone and e-mail is always available.



Prayer and Praise Items

On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God

- 1. Glory to God for healing Ryan week by week to the amazement of doctors who expected a number of his "deficits" to be permanent.
- 2. Praise the Lord for witnessing opportunities with doctors, nurses, therapist, patients and the patient's families that we meet at the hospital or Fisher House.
- 3. More progress on the Story of Hope translation project.
- 4. For Pastor Henry as he plans to visit the U.S. in late March. He will be meeting at churches to share his work and vision for Gospel ministry in Poland. Please plan to attend these meetings and invite others especially Polish people.
- 5. Praise the Lord our monthly support funds have increased to the level where we can purchase a car for ministry use in Poland.
- 6. Personal language study while on furlough.
- 7. Fruitful meetings during our furlough.

Ryan's Recovery

Ed: On my return to Richmond, VA I was waiting in the polytrauma dining area when this 20 year old Marine walked up to me and said "Good to see you, Dad." :) Now 10 days later he is walking without assistance though he still needs the walker for some maneuvers . He regularly walks with us outside his scheduled PT and has other loftier goals we will not speak about lest we look like we have finished praising God for what has just happened. (Sola Deo Gloria!) On other fronts . . . his swallowing has come along slowly but last week radiology watched him and concluded he is ready to move to puree foods. He had only been allowed more frequent ice chips every 2 hours and a full serving of applesauce to practice at speech therapy. His double vision and hoarse voice is still noticeable but he reads his Bible and devotional book aloud every day. He is posting on his own FaceBook site so you can "hear" his own voice clearly through writing. During this past week I have spent extra time with his therapists along with hospital and military representatives who are giving us

scenarios for his next steps. They are planning on him going to Polytrauma Transitional on or around March 13 in order to learn independent living. His feeding tube will be an issue but all is in God's hands. Please see our other website tab or Facebook page for ministry updates. We are ever filled with joy to tell you what God is doing to restore Ryan and us through His healing power and the Gospel.



Ryan Fueling Car

Important Upcoming Dates

Our home base for our furlough is Richmond, VA. We will be traveling to the following places to meet with our partnering churches and individuals.

March 3-14 Ed & Leslie in Florida

March 5 Grace Baptist Church, Port Orange, FL

March 12 Faith Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL

March 17 - April 6 Ed with Pastor Henryk on his trip to the U.S.

March 26 Reimer Road Baptist Church, Wadsworth OH Grace Baptist Church, Brunswick, OH

April 2 Hope Community Baptist Church, Sterling Hgts, MI Fellowship Dinner with Pastor Henryk Polish Harvest Church, Sterling Heights, MI

April 23 First Baptist Church, Eden, NY

May 21 Hope Community Baptist Church, Sterling Hgts, MI

May 20 Christian's Graduation Celebration

May 25 U.S. Furlough End and Return to Poland

Financial Summary

Monthly Support 100%

Monthly Need \$0

Need for next 12 Months \$0

Story of Hope \$1,700

Praise the Lord, recent giving and single gifts have brought us back up to 100%. This includes an amount for our increased transportation expenses due to the need to buy a car on our return to Poland.



Christian Returns to Racing



Ryan Walking to Greet Ed

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Ministry Trip 1 - Michigan/Ohio

Ed went on a solo trip from January 18 to February 13. Here is a list of meetings and highlights:

Northern Michigan

My parent's hosted my stay in Ray, MI. West Branch, MI - Visited 2 partners. Prudenville, MI - Visited 3 partners. Gladwin Host dinner - Visited 6 partners. Grace Fellowship Church in Gladwin - Morning message and presentation. New prayer partners and one child heard Ed's personal Gospel ball presentation. Prudenville, MI Dinner - Visited with 6 partners.

Evergreen Bible Baptist Church in Kalkaska, MI - Evening service sermon and report. After-service meal with Pastor Bill & Rachel Kuiper.

Hospital Visit with Jim & Mary Shaner - Ed's youth pastor and wife; he just had back surgery.

Detroit Area

Freedom Church in Sterling Heights, MI - Baptism of 2 Polish believers and after-service meal with Pastor Peter & Anna Chojnacki and the family and friends of those baptized.

Men's fellowship group in Romeo, MI - Ministry report to 5 partners.

Hope Community Baptist Church, Sterling Heights, MI - Visit and informal reports to partners there. Also met with missions committee to plan Pastor Henryk visit and future ministry report.

Polish Harvest Church, Sterling Heights, MI - Ed preached and reported on ministry with Pastor Peter translating (Video on internet, ask for link). Stony Creek Church, Utica, MI - Visit, presentation table. Three girls listened to a personal Gospel ball presentation. Gained 2 new prayer partners.

Toledo, Ohio

Monclova Road Baptist Church - Brief report in their Sunday evening service. After-service prayer partner meeting (excellent!). Witnessing opportunity at restaurant with a Marine who learned Russian while being deployed in Eastern Europe.

Brunswick, Ohio

Hosted by prayer partners, Russ & Nanette Brown. Grace Baptist Church, Brunswick, OH (home church) -Brief report in Wednesday service and informal updates with many prayer partners.

Delicious birthday dinner at prayer partner home. Some discussion in Polish. :)

Caldwell, OH - Two prayer partner visits with a couple and family before being hosted by a couple from New Harmony Baptist, Caldwell, OH. Sunday morning sermon and report including evangelistic role play (excellent!).

After traveling safely through a storm Ed had a Sunday evening lay-over at Kyle & Hannah's. He then returned to Leslie and Ryan in our adopted home town, Richmond, VA.



Pastor Peter Baptism



Kyle and Ryan at the VA