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The Schicks

Making the Gospel Accessible
to the 38 Million People in Poland

A Message from Your Ambassadors

As we near the end of our furlough we are awestruck by the way that God has led us and provided for us even as this furlough has bookends on it that were unplanned and monumental that is Ryan's motorcycle crash and Annelise's wedding. We have come alongside those who have other paths of suffering (soldiers injured in combat) and have rejoiced with others who have been healed in this past year.

We have much to be thankful for. Like Elijah, we feel like we have been fed by ravens as the Lord has provided everything from our daily food to cars. We are especially thankful to the doctors, nurses, therapists and others who ministered to

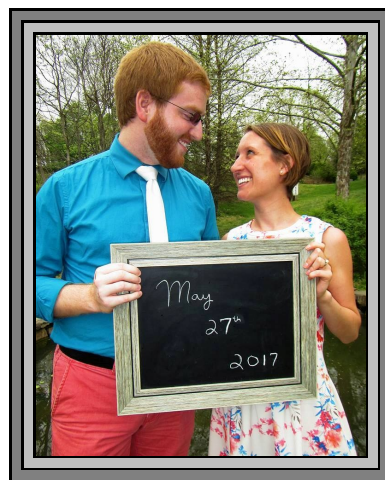
Ryan's physical needs as well as those who supported Ryan and us in prayer or various kinds of support. We are hoping our witness to the medical personnel, patients and their families will have a long term impact. In spite of the unique circumstances we found ourselves in, the Lord has helped us meet our furlough goals to report to all the churches who wished us to come even as we keep in touch with others by phone and e-mail on a regular basis. We are encouraged to see faithful pastors leading their congregations to grow and reach out. We were also glad to be able to do some Polish ministry even while not being in Poland (See Pastor Henryk's trip).

Some of the articles below highlight some of what is mentioned here as well as a calendar of upcoming events and prayer request. Please note that our furlough ends May 31 and we start anew in Poland June 1.

Ed & Leslie Schick



Ryan's Interview with PBS



It is with pleasure we announce to you the marriage of our daughter, Annelise Joy Schick to Mr. Donald J. Whittemore, son of Joe and Glenna Whittemore. 1:00 pm, Hope Community Baptist Church, Sterling Heights, MI.

Important Upcoming Dates

May 13 Christian's Graduation from Liberty University
May 16 Ed & Leslie leave Richmond, VA and move to Ray, MI
May 21 Hope Community Baptist Church, Sterling Heights, MI
May 27 Schick-Whittemore Wedding - Annelise & D.J., Ray, MI
May 28 Christian's Graduation Celebration, Ray, MI
May 29 Ryan's "Thank-you" Tour in OH, MD and VA
May 31 U.S. Furlough End and Return to Poland

Ryan's Recovery

Ryan is continuing his rehabilitation at the Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Program in Richmond, VA. He is kept very busy with his therapies and homework. Despite this, he also leads a Bible Study with his fellow patients two times a week, using the Story of Hope booklet from Good Soil Evangelism (the same booklet we are translating into Polish). Nine different men have attended the study.

Ryan's biggest concern in healing is his throat and voice. He has a very hoarse voice because his vocal cords are restrained by a scar. He works hard to use his "false vocal folds" to make the sounds we hear. The scar is not only hurting his voice, but it is also blocking his airway to some extent. This becomes significant when he is trying to exercise vigorously or play his flute. We are currently waiting on a consultation with a Complex Airway Specialist from Johns Hopkins to see what kind of intervention would be appropriate for Ryan. Please pray.



Ryan's Bible Study

Financial Summary

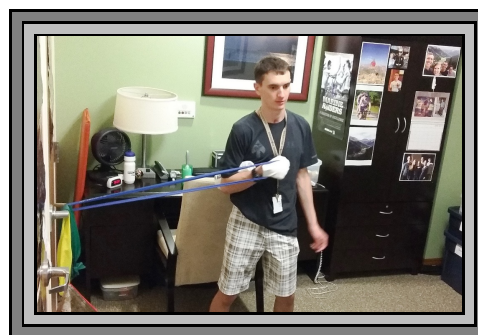
Monthly Support	97%
Monthly Need	\$137
Need for next 12 Months	\$3,814
Story of Hope	Funded!

Our regular support has increased from 90% to 97%. We are hoping for at least one more church to take us on and a few individuals who can commit to give even if it is one donation per year. Please consider a gift towards the \$3,814.

After July 27, Ryan will be transferred to the Wounded Warrior Battalion headquarters in Portsmouth, VA where he will continue to train, develop his skills and eventually undergo an evaluation by a military medical board to determine his fitness to return to duty. Please pray for Ryan as he continues down this path of God's purpose and choosing.



Ryan and Ed after a Good Run



Ryan Doing Shoulder Exercises

Pastor Henryk Trip

Ed had a great trip with Pastor Henryk and his son Jonasz (Jonah). They had a number of meetings both planned and spontaneous; in churches, homes and even in public. They were able to see some special places like New York, Philadelphia, Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. They also spent some time at Good Soil Evangelism in Harrisburg, PA where the Story of Hope booklet and other materials like it are produced. Unfortunately Pastor Henryk had to return home midway in the trip so his son Jonasz continued serving in the last week of travel, meetings and touring. We thank the Lord for all those who opened their homes, hearts and ministries to us and these special Polish ministry leaders. This trip was a great opportunity for Pastor Henryk and his son to minister in the U.S., to experience life and history in America and for believers in the U.S. to interact with Polish ministry leaders as they shared from their hearts about the spiritual needs of Poland.



Pastor Henryk, Jonasz and Ed with Church Friends

Prayer and Praise Items

On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God

1. Annelise and D.J. Whittemore as they begin their marital journey together.
2. Christian's search for a career job in northern Virginia.
3. Ryan's recovery and future medical board exam.
4. Our fluency in Polish especially ministry terms and phrases.
5. Summer Day Camp at Lublin Baptist Church July 17-21.
6. Story of Hope Translation Project translators and meetings.
7. Financial goal for next 12 Months: \$3,814.
8. Purchase of a used car in Poland along with insurance and registration.
9. Polish ministry partners for deeper ministry in Poland.
10. For better moral integrity in all Christians and especially ministry leaders.

Summer Children's Ministry

We expect to hit the ground running in Poland this summer as our team members have already begun preparing for Summer Day Camp at Lublin Baptist Church, and we need to catch up on our part of the workload, planning and preparation. This year's Day Camp will be July 17 - 21.

We still have openings for adults, especially young adults, who are willing to help with summer children's camps serving in the areas of teaching English as a second language (TESL), crafts, sports, music and other activities that could be used to disciple children. There are two church based day camps and one 2-week children's camp in which Polish ministry leaders are in need of helpers. Please contact us if you are interested.

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