

April 2018

The Schicks

Making the Gospel Accessible
to the 38 Million People in Poland

A Message from Your Ambassadors

Dear Prayer Partners,

He is Risen, and He reigns! We trust that your Resurrection Sunday celebrations encouraged and strengthened you in your faith and walk with God. Because He lives, we like Abraham can look in faith to a city whose builder and maker is God.

Below is a report on some great opportunities for the advancement of the Gospel. Please read, pray and get involved in what God is doing to advance his kingdom.

Yours for Christ,

Ed & Leslie Schick

A Quick Trip to Word of Life, Poland

After spending Easter weekend with our family in Warsaw, we traveled on Monday to Łódź to visit Word of Life missionaries, Tim and Ginny Good. Currently, the Goods are involved in a construction project, building a Word of Life Camp and conference center, which is nearing completion. This camp and the Word of Life ministries could become a great aid in our goal to raise up next generation leaders who fill the need for the pastor-less churches and new church plants in Poland.



Ed with Tim Good

God Working Among Young Adult Internationals

A couple of years ago when Ed was in in a Polish language class, everyone was asked to introduce themselves and describe what their academic or career or goals were. Ed said that he was a Pastor, working as a missionary in Poland. The teacher persisted in finding out exactly what kind of work Ed would be doing. He used the Story of Hope as an example of our work. Displaying an English copy of the book, he explained that he was overseeing a project to translate it into Polish. This sparked the interest of his classmate Anna.

During the class break, Ed took the opportunity to show Anna the book. He was surprised that she was familiar with most of the forty Biblical stories,

but she still had some questions as to why this was so important. Ed brought a Ukrainian version of the book to class and showed her the "The Bridge to Life," which summarizes the Gospel using eight key words: God, Man, Sin, Death, Christ, Cross, Faith, Life. He suggested she take the book home and read the Bible verses under the key words, and they would discuss it further the following day. However, that was the day of Ryan's motorcycle crash and the next day would find us on a plane heading back to the States. We prayed for Ed's classmate, Anna. Ed had given her his contact information, but he did not have her information. If the Lord willed, we would hear from Anna again.

Young Adults (continued)

A few weeks later Anna sent Ed an e-mail: "What happened to you?" she asked, "Is your family ok?" Ed explained about what happened with Ryan. In spite of all this she continued to give feedback on the Story of Hope. Ed asked a young man from our church to help with some of her text that was written in Ukrainian. Later when we returned to Poland we ran into her at a concert. We decided to meet over dinner and invited a Ukrainian and Belorussian from our church to join us. It was a great evening to rehearse what God had done to heal Ryan and of course we continued to discuss various concepts from the Bible. Please continue to pray because we believe there are many more opportunities to teach people God's Word in Poland.

Car Fund \$10K Needed

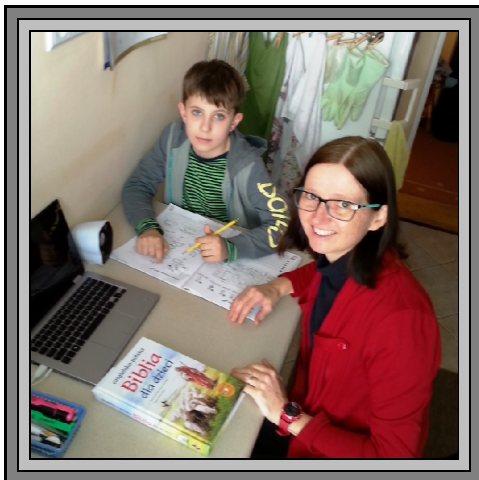
We have reached the point in our ministry here in Poland, where having a car has become a necessity. Poland has a good system of public transportation, and we have used this system extensively. But this kind of transport keeps us tied to a train or bus schedule, often requiring us to either travel extra early or significantly out of our way in order to get to our scheduled appointments in other cities and villages. We need to raise an additional \$10,000 to purchase a car this summer. Please pray about this need and if God were to lead you to help, we would be grateful.

Needed: Faithful Partners

Increased financial support needs have forced us to turn more time and attention to seeking new partners for our Gospel ministry here in Poland. Leslie has been contacting prayer partners that we haven't heard from in a while. Ed is scheduling meetings for our next furlough in May 2019. Please pray that God will raise up faithful partners, so that we and more Polish Christians will be actively presenting the Gospel the 38 million people in Poland.

Late Breaking News - Residency Applications accepted!

This week, we received official letters in the mail stating that our applications for residency in Poland have been accepted! We have been granted a three year stay until December 31, 2020. The official residency ID cards should be in the mail soon. Thank you Lord and thank you Poland!



Leslie teaching Bible and English to Nazar



Young People at Lublin Baptist

Prayer and Praise Items

On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God

1. Andrzej & Joasia, members of our church, lost their young granddaughter in a horrible car accident shortly before Easter.
2. Ed as he teaches through the Story of Hope. Last Sunday morning Ed taught story #26 where Jesus claimed on multiple occasions to be equal to and at one with God.
3. Ed & Leslie are team teaching English Bible lessons to a mother and her teen-aged son. Ed teaches the SOH and Leslie teaches the English.
4. Leslie's weekly English and a Bible lessons with Nazar, an elementary aged boy. Pray that Nazar will grow in his personal faith and be challenged to live his life for God.
5. Story of Hope Translation Project - Final review and printing.
6. Ed and Leslie's individual tutoring sessions for Polish each week at the university. Pray for our continued language acquisition.
7. Funding for a used car in Poland along with insurance and registration.
8. Increased financial support from those burdened to see the Gospel spread in Poland.
9. For Ryan's continued healing and strength both physically and spiritually. Pray also for his college chemistry class.
10. For Christian as he searches for a job in copywriting, and Johanna as she makes plans for summer employment.
11. For Annelise's pregnancy and the safe arrival of little Joseph Whittemore.

Financial Summary

Monthly Support	82%
Monthly Need	\$1,036
Need for next 12 Months	\$12,400
Car Fund	\$10,000
Next-Gen Leaders Fund	\$1,200

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Mr. Gruszka's 95th Birthday