

THE SCHICKS

MAKING THE BLESSING OF THE GOSPEL
ACCESSIBLE TO THE 38 MILLION PEOPLE IN POLAND

Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you for receiving our prayer letter and praying over the needs brought forth in this letter. We thank God for his wonderful blessings this past summer, both in our ministry and family. We praise God for the path forward that He has given us in reaching Poles for Christ.

Z Bogiem,

Ed & Leslie Schick

Historia Nadziei (Story of Hope) Rollout

Our dream of translating the Story of Hope into Polish has finally been realized! We are very thankful to God that he enabled us to complete this project and to the many people who helped us in the work. We commissioned a Christian brother in Warsaw to print its first 1000 copies - And, immediately after its printing, we were able to present our new Polish Story of Hope, along with other Good Soil Evangelism and Discipleship materials, to the First Baptist Church in Warsaw.

After the service, we were overwhelmed by the positive reception we received for the Story of Hope and its complementary materials. Not only were people interested in the Polish version, but also in the French, English and Russian versions as well. Pastor Marek was so excited about our material, that he suggested we repeat our presentation with the Russian congregation that met at the church later in the afternoon. So as an extra bonus, we were also able to present the Russian version of the Story of Hope.

We have much work to do in distributing the Story of Hope and in developing the evangelism and discipleship training that goes with it. We know that this is a valuable tool. We pray that many Poles will come to know Christ through the clear presentation of the Gospel in this material.

CONTACT INFO

Schicks

ul Fulmana 7 m 87
20-492 Lublin
POLAND
330-460-6207
Ed's Mobile 586-744-1484
S2P@EdSchick.com
www.EdSchick.com

Sending Church

Grace Baptist Church
Brunswick, OH

Service Agency

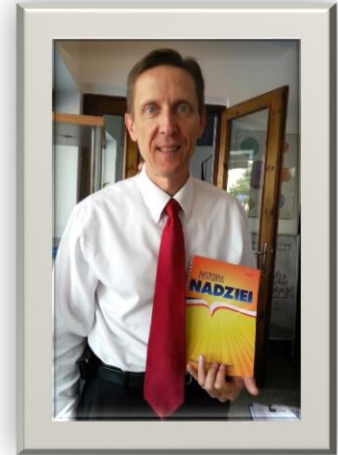
Central Missionary
Clearinghouse
PO Box 219228
Houston, TX 77218
281-599-7411
www.cmcmissions.org



*Ed & Leslie Presenting "Historia Nadziei"
at the First Baptist Church of Warsaw*

The Preaching of the Gospel Expands Among the Polish People

Making the Gospel accessible to all Polish people has been our goal from the time God first called us to this ministry. During our years on pre-field ministry, we met many Polish people and were able to develop relationships and bridges to helping them follow Christ or follow Him more deeply and faithfully. Now with a key Gospel tool, the Story of Hope in Polish, we are expanding our reach like never before. A few copies of "Historia Nadziei" have made it to the US and more are on the way. Three copies went to people who are actively reaching Polish people for Christ: a Polish pastor; a couple with an elderly Polish relative; and a couple who is reaching out to a Polish family who has just immigrated to the US. Thank-you for giving us the ability to be your ambassadors to these people who will be hearing and understanding the Gospel clearly for the first time.



Ed with newly printed copy of "Historia Nadziei"

Redirection

Leslie and I spent some time recently evaluating our future plans for ministry in Poland. The key factors have been: our assimilation to Polish culture; our ability to minister using Polish; our partnerships with Polish ministry leaders and workers; determination of a place to focus our local ministry; and a car to facilitate better transportation. While our first location here in Lublin was focused on acculturation and language study, our next move will take us to a place for long term ministry.

We feel we have steadily and successfully assimilated into Polish life and culture including religious life especially in the evangelical church. We continue to work at Polish language and at this point can present simple Bible lessons and understand most typical Polish conversations and sermons. We have developed good relationships with Polish pastors and key workers as well as with US missionaries. We currently have two prospective cities that could be the new focus of our future ministry. We plan to travel to these places before our next furlough and seek the Lord's direction concerning them. We did not anticipate that our finances and furlough plans would need to be serious factors, but our lack of funds at this time has caused us to alter our plans a bit. We have postponed buying a car until after our furlough because we have not received enough funds yet and our general funds have gone down too low. This situation necessitates us spending more time contacting churches and individuals to raise more support and schedule meetings for our next furlough. This furlough in May-July 2019 may need to be extended to accommodate these visits. Please pray about what you can do to help us financially so that our main focus can be on the new and expanding opportunities the Lord is giving us. Your faithfulness is vitally important both to the health of Christ's church in the US, and its ability to send and support missionaries throughout the world. Please see our financial report below and contact us if you have any questions.



English Camp at Chełm Baptist Church

Precious Rain

The Lord will come to us like rain. — Hosea 6:3

On July 22, little Joseph Donald Whittemore arrived in the middle of a huge downpour of rain. Our son-in-law, DJ felt that God came and showered them with a wonderful downpour of blessings.

However, Joseph did give us all a bit of a scare, as he was born with a heart condition known as transposition of the great arteries. Essentially, his blood wasn't being pumped correctly from his heart and lungs, so he was not getting the oxygen his body needed. It's a surprisingly common occurrence, and the NICU team quickly worked to keep Joseph safe and healthy after the delivery. A week later, Joseph underwent corrective surgery, and we were all happy to hear from the surgeon that, "everything went as perfectly as it possibly could have."



DJ & Annelise and Joseph in Pediatric ICU

While it was a difficult number of weeks in the hospital for Annelise and DJ, it was wonderful to see the Lord faithfully sustain them. We are grateful to God to announce that today, Joseph is a perfectly normal, healthy, growing little boy. And yes, it was pouring rain when Annelise and DJ left the hospital to bring Joseph home. Praise God!

Celebrating 30+ Years Together

In celebration of our 30th Wedding Anniversary (now 31), we recently took a trip to Northern Ireland. It was a much-needed opportunity to get away and focus on God's blessings in our marriage. We visited some of Leslie's relatives and saw places her dad and grandfather had been. We were awestruck at God's amazing natural handiwork that He placed exclusively along the Northern Coast of Ireland. We learned about the missionary, Patrick, and admired his dedication to God's call and the people of Ireland. We stopped at the C.S. Lewis Square, in honor of Belfast's Literary Son who has blessed many believers by sharing deep insight about his spiritual journey from atheism to genuine faith in Christ. We were also encouraged by the vibrant, evangelical churches of Northern Ireland. This stands in contrast to the lack of evangelical churches in Poland. We also met and encouraged a new believer who wished to study the Gospel better using the Story of Hope.



CS Lewis Square in Belfast

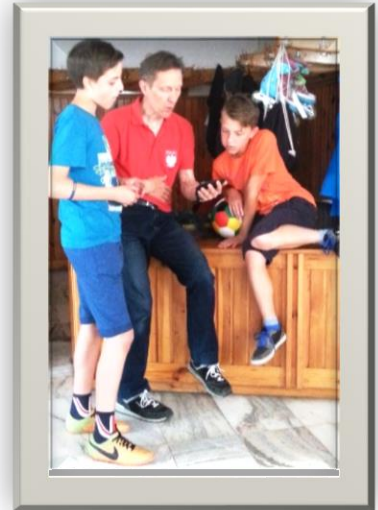


Dunluce Castle

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God

1. Please pray for the distribution and effective use of the Story of Hope.
2. Please pray for Leslie as she teaches English Bible classes and Sunday School.
3. Praise God for recent "legalities" that have gone through: We have new resident cards. We were given PESEL numbers (necessary for major legal/financial transactions such as insuring a car), and Ed was able to renew his MI driver's license without traveling to the US. Pray for Ed as he seeks to get additional driving certification in Poland.
4. Please pray for more financial support as we carefully use of the funds we have.
5. Two of our supporting churches are looking for pastors and other churches are struggling to grow and keep up their ministry funds.
6. Please pray for Ryan's continued healing and for his eventual approval to drive. Please also pray for his spiritual strength and growth.
7. DJ and Christian are both looking for better employment: DJ - lawyer; Christian - copywriter.
8. Praise God for the resolution of Joseph's heart issue and his excellent outlook for the future.
9. Please pray for our adult children - that God would deepen their spiritual walks and that God would give them wisdom as they make decisions.
10. Praise God for the good evangelism and discipleship opportunities we had among the young people and adults during this summer's English Camp in Chelm.
11. The Lord gave Ed a good opportunity last week to attend a Pastor's conference in Warsaw and introduce the Story of Hope to other pastors.



Ed Explaining the Gospel Ball at English Camp

Financial Summary

Monthly Support	76%
Monthly Need	\$1,400
Need for next 15 Months	\$16,700
Car Fund - \$6,800 given	\$3,200

Because we have lost some regular support and have not received as many single gifts this year, our reserve funds have become depleted as reflected in the numbers above. We are reducing our ministry expenses and increasing our contacts with partners and potential partners. Please pray that the Lord will provide all that is necessary for our continuing ministry to the Polish people.



Joseph in Polish Garb