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# THE SCHICKS

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

## A Message from Your Ambassadors

Dear Prayer Partners,

Recently, in our personal Bible reading, we read the story from Genesis about how that God answered Abraham's servant's prayer "before he had finished speaking." We recall special times when God has answered our urgent prayers before we've finished speaking. We also remember times when we were called upon to exercise persistence in prayer. How ever God chooses to answer these prayer requests, whether quickly or over time, we thank you for praying with us over the items noted in this letter.

Also, if we haven't heard from you in a while, please take an opportunity to touch base with us by letter (see new address), phone (330-460-6207 U.S. number you can call before 3pm), email or internet (website, Facebook). Thanks.

Z Bogiem (God be with you.),

Ed & Leslie Schick

## CAR

WE FINALLY PURCHASED A CAR IN POLAND! This past month, Ed took a two hour drive down to Zwoleń with his cousin, Sebastian, to purchase a 2011 Mitsubishi ASX. This particular vehicle spent its first years in Italy, but now plans "to work until retirement" in Poland. We hope it serves us well. Finishing up all of paperwork to make the car fully operational in Poland (registration, insurance and routine service) has been an interesting process for Ed.

The "Karta Pojazdu" booklet is essentially the



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#### 2011 Mitsubishi ASX

car title. Each time a car is bought and sold in Poland, the booklet is also transferred to the new owner, with the new owner's information recorded in the booklet. Since this is the first time our car has been registered in Poland, our book is brand new. This vehicle will allow us to travel to more point-to-point ministry opportunities and increase our overall effectiveness in time use. We thank the Lord for all the partners who contributed to our car fund.

#### **"BLISKO BOGA"**

WE'VE SETTLED AT THE BLISKO BOGA ("CLOSE TO GOD") BAPTIST CHURCH IN WARSAW as our regular church home during this time of transition. It is a medium sized church, with about 60 people coming on a regular basis. A church retreat in September was a big boost in helping us get to know people. Pastor Marek is considering a second church retreat. In one of the

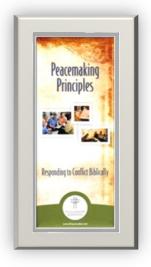


Church Retreat

teaching times, we will have an opportunity to train the congregants in evangelism using the Story of Hope and the Gospel Ball. We have many opportunities to do individual training. Leslie trained a new believer at the church, on how to use The Story of Hope with an unbelieving friend. Now they continue to meet and study the Scriptures together. In our fellowship times we often share the Gospel ball with children (and adults) so they can understand the Gospel better and share it with their friends.

## **EVANGELISM TRAINING MATERIALS**

THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR TRANSLATION PROJECT IS UNDER WAY. We have received permission from the Peacemakers Ministry to translate into Polish a handy brochure to help believers resolve conflicts Biblically. Ed will be using this in preaching opportunities in the future such as our trip to Lublin in December. We hope to use this material as a springboard to further the teaching and practice of the Biblical principles of peacemaking and conflict resolution. We also hope to soon begin the translation of The Way to Joy, the companion book to The Story of Hope. These items are vital tools for our work in Evangelism and Discipleship Training.



## CMC

CENTRAL MISSIONARY CLEARINGHOUSE, A FEW FACTS. Why the word "Central?" CMC is a ministry started in 1974 with the help and vision of Central Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. What do they do? They provide legal basis for missionaries and process their donations according to IRS guidelines. How much does it cost? About 1 penny of every dollar donated. How big are they? CMC serves over 700 missionary families, and they are continuing to grow. Their current office facilities are not big enough for this expansion, so the church has approved a building on the church's campus. We are thankful for Central Baptist Church and the wonderful office staff at CMC that has faithfully served us and our ministry since January 2013.

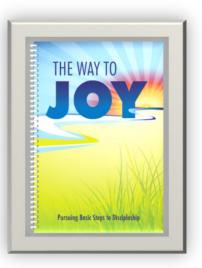
# A TALE OF TWO MOTHERS

We were at a birthday party the other day in which we got into an extended discussion with two mothers about spiritual things. They immediately shared about how their children have not continued to attend or follow the teachings of the traditional church. Although this is common for many young people around the world, it has become an increasing trend in Poland since the fall of Communism. More Poles are exposed to competing world views and beliefs including those of cults. Our response to them and prayer for Polish young people is that they have parents and evangelical friends who are equipped to give them information and guidance that will lead them to the truth and knowledge about God and His Son Jesus Christ.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God

- 1. Bożena as she shares the Gospel, using The Story of Hope with her friend and neighbor, Marysia.
- 2. Clear direction for our next location of ministry.
- 3. Spiritual health and strength for our children. That they would make good choices and avoid losses that would affect both them and us.
- 4. God's provision of a car. For careful driving and safety.
- 5. Skilled and available translators for our next discipleship booklet. We still need funding for the printing (\$1,800).
- 6. CMC to raise \$225,000 for their new building.
- 7. Gathering with relatives in Warsaw during Christmas time.





Patriotic Park Run in Jabłonna