

THE SCHICKS

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

A Message from Your Ambassadors

Dear Prayer Partners,

We are still at war. This is not something people in our region in Europe want to hear right now. People are getting weary of their temporary housing, a lack of jobs, dwindling finances and children still doing their schooling online. They don't want to hear more reports of soldiers and civilians who have died and of more homes and buildings damaged.

Not just Ukraine, but many countries today continue to struggle to practice wise policies based on truth and the Word of God. Instead, we have false teaching and philosophies that have led to breakdowns in our society on many different levels including morals, family, science, health, economics, and energy policy. The desire of some governments to dominate their citizens or other neighboring countries has led to civil unrest and open warfare.

The church itself struggles to deal with sin and scandal in accordance with Jesus' teaching. Many members and even ministry leaders themselves are not training and discipling people to be faithful to Christ's mission.

Christ's work continues on as we fight spiritual battles and aid those wounded by Satan's schemes to destroy what God has made. We seek to be faithful Christian soldiers training others to be faithful soldiers to capture spiritual ground taken by Satan and then to defend the territory taken for Christ.

Thank you for your faithful support that has allowed us to minister without concern of financial need. Your prayers have become increasingly important to us as we face battles on the mission field both big and small.

Z Bogiem (God be with you),

Ed & Leslie Schick

P.S. Most of the following stories were published to our email subscribers through the Epistle program. This compilation of reports is published every quarter. If you would like to receive more timely reports, please become one of our email (Epistle) subscribers.

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BIAŁYSTOK MINISTRY WEEKEND

Early in the Ukrainian refugee crises we linked up with a local church that was sending humanitarian aid transports to church networks in Ukraine. The Baptist Church in Białystok under the leadership of Pastor Martin have proven to be people with purpose and integrity that results in the fulfillment of Christ's mission.

We met the ministry team on Friday in order to get the exact plans for a long Saturday of work. The plan was to make an early drive across the Ukrainian border a short distance to transfer the goods from our four vans into one big truck. We gathered in the church parking lot at 3:00 am. They assigned Ed to drive one of the vans accompanied by a church member who also was participating for the first time. We stopped in Chełm to pick up more supplies because two of the vans were not quite full. Our team wanted to make sure our investment in transportation was going to be used to the max. Coming in at 1:00am did not afford us a lot of sleep, but most of our team was there in the morning.



The worship service included reports from a team of short-term missionaries to Kenya. I preached a sermon entitled, "Are You Ready to Go?" (Acts 9:10-19a) where God gave Ananias a difficult but very special mission to help a new believer. My challenge to those who claim to be followers of Christ: "Stop making excuses and start making history. Go!" We also had a display table for our evangelism and training materials. This afforded us the opportunities to have many conversations about our ministry.

SUMMER MINISTRIES

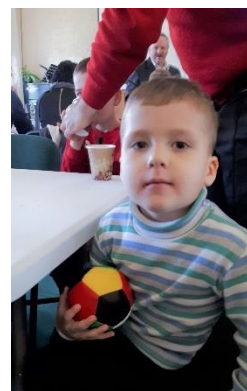
A summer of ministry in Poland is never without camp, so instead we were able to help people go to or minister at camp.

The Kushner Family is a young Ukrainian refugee family of five (now six as they just welcomed a new baby). They are solid believers and have faithfully attended Zelów Baptist Church since their arrival in Poland. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to sponsor a week of family camp for them at Word of Life, Poland. The week at family camp for them was beyond their wildest dreams. They came back refreshed and spiritually encouraged.

We were able to equip Ewa Gutkowska, from the Białystok Baptist Church with Gospel Balls, including bracelets, hand-size foam balls, and hacky sacks for her ministry at the camp in Swietajno. It was a terrific tool for clearly sharing the Gospel with children and adults at the camp. Many of the children were from poor and dysfunctional families, seven from a local orphanage, and one girl from Ukraine attended as well.



God gave us one more surprise that enabled us to minister in a very unique way to Ukrainian refugees. It began when a church in New York sent funds to help Ukrainian children with their educational needs, particularly in language studies. We asked ourselves, "How we could most effectively fulfil this mission to the glory of God?" We spent time getting to know and interviewing over 40 different refugee families, many of which were staying at a local hotel. We then arranged with local language schools to meet the educational needs of these children. We also expanded the program to help adults, both in language learning and with many other special needs that the refugees have at this time. We could do this without delay because of your generous giving.



This war, however, has not only displaced Ukrainian citizens, but also missionaries who had been serving in Ukraine. God has placed us in a position to help these missionaries whom He is reassigning to Poland. We have gotten to know two in particular, both sent from unique countries: one couple from South Korea, and the other, a single young man, from Japan.

MTG (Mission Training Group)

Evangelism, discipleship and mission training continues to be a deep need with evangelical believers in Poland. We continue to develop our materials including translating them into Polish and obtaining Ukrainian and Russian language versions from our partners in Ukraine. Leslie is developing a training module for the Gospel Ball in Polish.



In May we held our second MTG Seminar at the Baptist Church in Zelów. We taught a basic definition of discipleship and why believers today should be engaged in helping people to be faithful followers of Christ.

FURLOUGH

As we are writing this, we have one week left to prepare to leave Poland and to go to the US for a furlough from September 13 to December 27. We will be reporting to churches; meeting with individual partners; visiting with family; restocking our ministry materials; and taking care of a few personal medical needs.

Here is our simplified schedule:

- Sep13-19 Detroit, MI
- Sep20-25 Toledo, MI
- Sep26-Oct9 Cleveland, OH
- Oct11-27 Winston-Salem, NC
- Oct28-Nov25 Richmond, VA
- Nov26-Dec7 NJ, PA, NY, OH
- Dec8-27 Detroit, MI



We will also have many meetings by phone or video call. If you would like to make an appointment let us know as soon as possible.

FAMILY NEWS

God has blessed us with yet another grandson! Calvin Abraham Schick was born to Christian and Nishon on Father's Day, June 19, weighing in at 7 lbs., 4oz and a good 20.5" long. We are grateful to God for Calvin's safe arrival and very good health. Praise God, the Giver of Life!

In our last prayer letter, we asked for prayer for Ryan's driving vision and his therapy work with a Neuro-Optometrist. We praise God, that in just a few short months, Ryan's vision has improved enough to pass Virginia's DMV vision test! This has enabled him to proceed to the next step: driving therapy. Ryan's driving therapist fully expects that Ryan should be ready to drive again within a few months. In the meantime, Ryan continues to get around town by scooter or bicycle, which is often neither safe nor easy. Please pray that Ryan will be able to safely drive a car again without restrictions. Please pray for wisdom in the timing of this change.



PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God

1. Ukraine's victory over invaders and rebuilding.
2. Furlough Travels - reports, family reunions, supplies, medical tests.
3. Language Development - We took language class in the first half of 2022 culminating with a B1 test. We have not gotten the results yet from this mid-level exam.
4. Ministry materials development and translation projects (Way to Joy - Discipleship, Gospel Ball instruction tract, and 6 others).
5. Mission Training Group to start in Warsaw, January, 2023. For faithful participants who will train for one year before beginning their own discipleship groups.
6. Righteous and wise governments who don't unnecessarily restrict international travel.
7. The Zelów church finished the guest room and bathrooms in order to accommodate ministry guests and others who need emergency shelter.

***Meeting the Greatest Needs of Poles
through the Truth of the Gospel***

