

# THE SCHICKS

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

## A Message from Your Ambassadors

Dear Prayer Partners,

The following is a review of events from the last half year including our furlough in the last quarter of 2023. After the COVID problems and the Ukrainian crisis, our ministry continues to reprioritize to our core activities of providing materials and training in evangelism and discipleship. Our goal is to see more spiritually healthy, strong and growing believers shining as bright lights of truth in each community in Poland. Please pray that believers everywhere will have hearts that are open to the mission that Christ has given them.

Z Bogiem (God be with you),

*Ed + Leslie Schick*

## Furlough Recap

Our furlough was a little shorter this time. We were able to complete one big circuit from Detroit, to Winston-Salem, North Carolina and back again. Here are some of the highlights:

- \* We gave a presentation at Monclova Christian Academy near Toledo, OH. We reviewed the story of the Good Samaritan and related it to helping needy Ukrainians. The children were very attentive and well behaved as we helped them to imagine the life of children in Poland or Ukraine.
- \* During our time in Cleveland, we stayed in the Czech suite of the Panek house which is maintained by a young man who was born in Ukraine.
- \* We participated in a missions conference at Ambassador Baptist Church in Wadsworth, OH. We helped church members imagine life in Poland. We also enjoyed interacting with other missionaries who were there.
- \* We visited an elderly lady who was born in Poland and celebrated her 103rd birthday by singing the "Sto Lat" Polish birthday song. We continue to rejoice that she came to Christ a few years ago.
- \* While we were away, a Ukrainian family was able to use our apartment instead of it sitting dormant as is typical during our furloughs. This family now has an apartment of their own.

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\* Both Ed and Leslie were able to speak to men's and women's groups. This allowed more personal interaction in sharing about God's work in Poland.

\* We are very thankful for the many meals, housing and other blessings that hospitable partners provided during our stay in the U.S.

\* In addition to reporting to many churches and individuals, sometimes pastors and church members are able to visit us on the field. We recently hosted Pastor Dave and Melody Ambrose from Heartland Community Church Medina, OH. We toured both ministry and city sites here in Warsaw.

They were able to join with us in a presentation at a local preschool. As Americans we are sometimes called upon to talk about America and American life. We also talked about our role as ministry leaders and how that relates to Christian and American values.



## Ukrainian Refugee Aid

We continue to help Ukrainians with their language studies both in Polish and English. This helps them to adjust to life here in Poland and also through these skills they gain more opportunities in education and business.

We've helped two families move to North America. There is one more family that would like to move to Canada. These transitions can be difficult but very fruitful in the long-term. While some immigrants are merely looking for better material opportunities, we are encouraging believing families to see their new home as a mission field to expand Christ's message of redemption from sin.

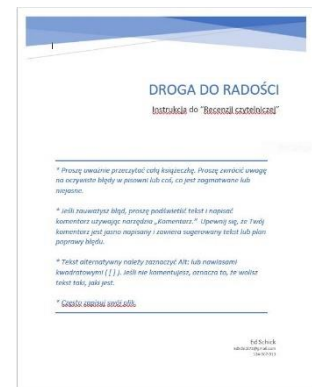
Leslie has always wanted to play the violin and even brought a violin here to Poland a number of years ago. She has recently started taking lessons from a Ukrainian

believer who used to serve as Concertmaster of the Chamber and Symphony Orchestra in the Rivne Regional Philharmonic in Ukraine. Our violinist friend, Natalia, dreams of once again playing or teaching professionally, maybe even in the United States. For their first hour together, Leslie helps Natalia learn to teach the violin in English. In their second hour together, Leslie teaches Natalia English using the Ukrainian and Global English versions of the Story of Hope.



## Mission Training and Equipping

The **discipleship booklet** "Droga do Radości" (Way to Joy) is taking another step by starting what we call "reader review." Please pray that the Polish reviewers will be able to carefully check over this text that will be printed as our first discipleship booklet in Polish.



Leslie continues to teach English to two pre-teen boys using the **Story of Hope for Kids** in English. Starting in the Old Testament with God's promise of a Satan Conqueror, to the story

of Moses raising the serpent in the wilderness, God unfolds his great plan of Salvation to us little by little. It has been a real joy for Leslie to watch these boys discover for the first time how that these stories all fit together into one Big Story of God's provision of a Savior.

**Mission Training Group** - We were hoping to start a mission training group here in Warsaw with some individuals from our local church and others. Unfortunately, there was not enough interest or commitment to have a formal group that could go through the entire program. So we continue to do what we have done for many years: we use informal interaction to coach believers in becoming stronger in their spiritual lives. We encourage them in their ministries to be focused on Christ-centered goals rather than just merely fellowship and increasing people's knowledge of the Bible or theology. We are also encouraging people to pray about life achievements for which Christ will reward us at the end of all time. It is vitally important that at the end of our lives, we can say we have respected our parents; we have been faithful to our spouse, and that we have taken the opportunity to train children and others to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. These and other important goals are at the heart of our training ministry.

## Personal Ministry

A few weeks ago, our neighbor Rodney and his family came over to enjoy for the first time a real, American apple pie. Since moving to this apartment in February of 2020, we had looked in vain for opportunities like this, but God has now finally opened this door for us. Rodney and Margaret were very much open to what we had to say about God and the Bible. This has now become a very positive, ongoing relationship that we hope God will continue to use.

## Local Church Ministries

"Blisko Boga" has been without a lead pastor since last September. Ed acts as a helping pastor along with other pastors in sister congregations. We have a rotating preaching schedule which includes Ed, some elders and teachers in our congregation, as well as other pastors who are living in Warsaw but are not currently leading a congregation of their own. Our second-year intern continues to deliver powerful messages. We have had a few new attenders including a family and one single man who have recently come to the Lord.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

*On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God*

1. Please pray for our adult children that God will use them and help them to grow in their individual Christian walks: Kyle & Hannah Schick, in Berwyn Hts, MD; Annelise & DJ Whittemore, in Winston-Salem, NC; Christian & Nishon Schick, as well as Ryan Schick in Richmond, VA; and Johanna & Tyler Homon, in Frederick, MD.
2. We improved our language skills in the first half of 2022 by taking lessons from a private tutor. We have reached the B1 level (A0-C2 Scale). Polish conversations and sermons are mostly understandable if they are spoken slowly and clearly.
3. Ryan Driver's license: Sometimes God's biggest miracles are announced by a quiet "ding" on our phones. On February 8, Ryan sent a short message to our family chat platform, "I passed the driver's test!" Of course we had been praying for this and working towards this for a long time, but the culmination of this miracle

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar31-Apr1 Church Planting Summit in Warsaw, Poland  
May 12-14 Local Church Bible Exposition Outreach  
May 20 Discipleship Seminar in Zelów  
June 1-3 All Poland Baptist Church Conference  
September, 2023 - Our children will be visiting Poland.  
August, 2024 - Next U.S. Furlough for 5 Months



seemed to come in a strangely quiet way. We ask you to join us as we shout out “Glory to God!” for the amazing things he has done for us. He truly has been good to Ryan and us.

4. We went to see the US President Joe Biden and Polish President Andrzej Duda give speeches in the Old Town section of Warsaw. Please continue to pray for full U.S. and allied support of Ukraine in order to end this war quickly.
5. Zelów Church Renewal – In January there was a children's camp for Ukrainian children and other various needs. Some families have been coming regularly to the church.
6. Pray for Ed as he needs a Polish driver's license and has to keep up with various legal requirements in Poland.
7. We praise the Lord for adequate funding through the faithful giving of churches and individuals. This allows us to serve with freedom to meet both regular and special ministries needs. Please pray for our mission agency as they revised their accounting system and we need to match our accounting as well in order to provide acceptable reports to the IRS.
8. “Blisko Boga” Church - For a new lead pastor. For new believers who are being discipled and will testify of their new faith through baptism.

