

THE SCHICKS

DEVELOPING A THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT
FOR THE GOSPEL IN POLAND

A Message from Your Ambassadors

Dear Prayer Partners,

Transitions are opportunities to accomplish new things for Christ. We say this by faith as we reflect on God's Word and the many examples we find in Scripture. Many times, God's people had to leave one place and go to another. Think of Jacob when he left his relatives in Haran and went to Canaan with his young family. There were some interpersonal conflicts on both sides of this change, but Jacob rested his faith in Christ and even angels assured him of God's continued blessing (See Genesis 28). We are assured that the Lord is with us and will help us with our ministry here in Poland until His purposes for us are complete.

God has been faithful and constant in giving us additional opportunities to advance the teaching of key Gospel truths both to unbelievers and Christians who need to strengthen their faith. Training teachers is a key ministry focus as well.

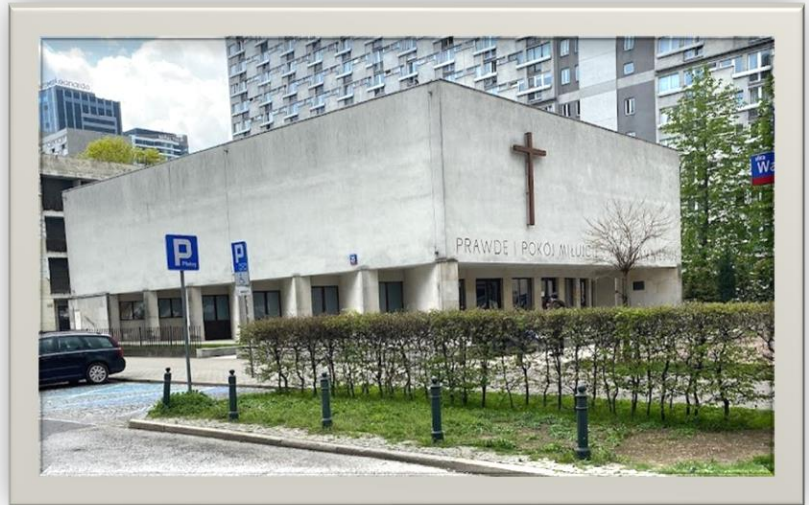
Thank-you for your faithfulness in praying and keeping informed.

Your faithful servants for Christ,

Ed & Leslie Schick

First Baptist Church of Warsaw

The Lord has recently led us in a transition concerning our local church involvement in Warsaw. Because of its history, location in the capital city and its size, First Baptist Church of Warsaw plays a very important role among the churches of Poland. Since the Lord pointed us in this direction, we are seeing more and more possibilities for new and deeper ministry. The pastor who had been serving there since 1991 has had to step away for a time of refreshment, leaving a younger pastor to take the helm. Pastor Jon comes with excellent ministry skills and character, but he also must make the transition from serving as a supporting pastor to the lead pastor. There are also key members who can help us with our Bible teaching materials. Please pray for this ministry and us as we develop new partnerships in this local church.



Children's Bible Teaching

Discipleship is a key focus of our ministry in Poland. Children's discipleship begins with the parents. Parenting is primarily a discipleship role: parents are a child's first disciplers. To truly minister to kids, it is important to minister to their parents including those who do not regularly attend the church. Our role as Children's Bible Teachers (CBT) and Trainers is to effectively come alongside parents and teachers to help them disciple children. We find that often children's Bible teaching is not purposeful and is therefore ineffective. Children learn many random stories from the Bible, but they fail to understand God's overall plan which is Bible's singular story of redemption. Using our material from Good Soil Evangelism and 99 Adventures, we want every child by the age of twelve to know 100 key Bible stories and how these stories relate to God's plan of salvation. Children will also have memorized the Gospel using the Bridge to Life (8 truths and verses). We believe this offers a child the best opportunity to see how they fit into the story and make a solid decision of faith in Christ. They will also be equipped to share the Gospel with their friends.

In this past quarter, we have had the opportunity to train a number of CBT's. Nadia is a young adult Ukrainian refugee who works every day at a large orphanage for Ukrainian children near Warsaw. She has been given the glorious opportunity to teach these children a Bible lesson every day. Without any training however, Nadia had no idea of where to begin. We provided her with the training and the curriculum to teach. Blanka is the Children's Bible Teacher in Zelów who teaches a small group of children from a broad range of ages. Kryisia is a young adult who was struggling with the question of how to handle child discipline in the classroom. She was glad to both receive our material as well as some coaching on this very practical problem in the classroom.



Ministry to Ukrainians Our work continues with Ukrainian refugees. We are now more focused on key individuals and their needs. Lena and Liza are young adult believers in Christ. They are living with a Polish family but have not seen their parents since they came in March 2022. Lena is in Medical School, and Liza just graduated from a hybrid of Ukrainian online and Polish in-person high school. Liza speaks English fairly well but wanted to improve. We sent her to a week of English Camp at Word of Life Poland this Summer. Liza originally came to faith in Christ at Word of Life, Ukraine so she is familiar with their ministry. WOL was offering a 50%



Liza in front, center

scholarship to their 8-week English4Life School. We were able to match the scholarship to provide Liza with the means to attend. Liza is doing well and has recently expressed interest in becoming a missionary.

The Zuravka family are believers from Kharkiv, Ukraine. Both the mother-in-law (Tatiana the elder) and the daughter-in-law (Tatiana the younger) are widows. Nadia is the young adult daughter/granddaughter who was mentioned in our earlier story. (Think of the story of Naomi and Ruth, but with a granddaughter.) The Tatianas fit the picture of widows with verified needs (see 1 Timothy 5). Tatiana the elder struggles with chronic back pain. Tatiana the younger is a bookkeeper who, since her arrival in Poland in the Spring of 2022, has been working hard on upgrading her professional credentials to enable her to be gainfully employed in her profession. She has already passed her Polish bookkeeping exam. This weekend, she will be taking the Polish Government's Official Language exam. This will demonstrate her Polish speaking abilities and also pave the way towards Polish citizenship. We have sponsored Tatiana's language lessons as well as her test. It has been a long road for Tatiana. We wish her well.



Zuravka and Schick Families

Deepening Ministry Partnerships

Philemon 1:6 "I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ."

In the way that our ministry is expanding, we are seeing more ways that our U.S. partners can get more directly involved in advancing the Gospel in Poland. There are key ministry leaders and workers that would greatly appreciate a word of encouragement and support from someone who is constantly in prayer for them, encouraging them and inquiring about their spiritual well-being as well as their ministry work. If you are interested in such a ministry, please let us know and we will match you up with someone from our ministries in Warsaw, Wołomin, Grójec and Białystok.

Willi Schick Memorial - An Excerpt from My Eulogy for Dad

Dad was born in Ukraine in 1935. His family suffered many hardships during WWII. When he was 8 years old, they became refugees, settling for a time in Poland, Western Germany and finally immigrating to the US in 1955. His faith was nurtured in his early years with the help of godly parents who taught him the Word of God and took him to church. Dad was baptized by the Free Evangelical Church in Coburg, Germany. He also recounted that his faith blossomed into a more certain faith during his young adult years as his understanding of Christ really grew.

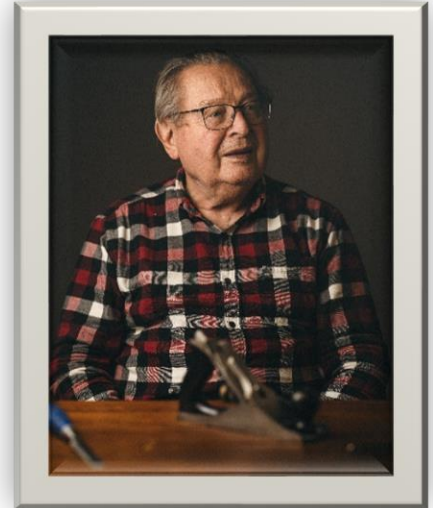
Dad married Ruth Zwar in 1961 and God would eventually bless them with 5 sons. (Ed was born third.) As parents they were dedicated to taking us to church. As sons, my Dad spent

additional time with us to train us for life and to follow Christ. It is because of this I came to know Christ. His career focused mainly on using his woodworking skills in model-making for the production of automotive parts. He also used these skills to build two custom homes.

Dad's involvement in the church included men's choir, serving as a deacon, teaching in children's Sunday School and Boy's Brigade. His ministry to young boys made a big impact, not only on Ed's life, but also on many others as we grew into manhood. In his later years, his involvement in missions deepened, including going on mission trips to Romania, Hungary, Haiti, Ukraine and El Salvador. He continued these trips well into his 80's!

In his retirement, Dad enjoyed many hobbies including making furniture for family members and friends. He was a naturalist throughout his life. His green house and garden testified to his love for God's beauty. Many people have enjoyed events and hospitality at the home he and my Mom built.

Dad had many favorite quotes, many of them in German. One was, "It's not the things I don't understand in the Bible that give me the most trouble, it's the things I do understand but find hard to live out." Hebrews 13 records a list of biblical heroes. For my list of heroes who have gone on before me, my Dad is on that list. Willi Schick passed into glory on October 12, 2023, having completed 87 years and leaving his bride of 62 years in the care of his sons and 13 grandchildren.



PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

On Our Knees and Giving Glory to God

1. Leslie had a successful trip to the US to help Annelise and DJ transition from North Carolina to Richmond, VA to be close to two other siblings. They both have found work and enjoy sharing with and supporting other family members. Pray for them as they find and get to know a new church family.
2. Praise for the Memorial Service as many came and shared in so many ways that allowed us to rejoice and give thanks even while we grieved the loss of Ed's father here in our earthly home. So many have prayed and encouraged us.
2. Mission Point Wołomin - We have been prevented from personally meeting with the leadership of this ministry. Pray for a young believer, Przemek as he attends and prays for the salvation of his family and friends in this area east of Warsaw.
3. Mission Point Grójec - This ministry grew out of healthy, strong and growing congregations in Otwock and Góra Kalwaria (all south of Warsaw). A Baptist church in Ohio is sending a team to do children's evangelism here in July 2024. Monthly church services began in September.
4. Our discipleship booklet has been fully reviewed and now is being prepped for printing. Pray for Ed and a Good Soil worker named Glorianne as they work on the print document.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Heartland Ministry Team at
Grójec – July 2024
Furlough - August, 2024

5. Ed's mom, Ruth and her sister Marion are going with us on a trip to Maryland and Virginia to visit our children for Thanksgiving. A unique blessing as the Lord has given us health and good weather.
6. Transitions for Mom Schick as she adjusts to her new life. Sons and grandchildren will be coming to visit and help with the house and property. Ed is helping with legal and financial matters.
7. Return to Poland - Leslie on November 29 and Ed on December 11.
8. Pray for the effective finishing of the wars in Gaza and as well as Ukraine. God has given us both the weapons of prayer and of godly wisdom for government leaders. We need both of these in abundance! Please do what you can to be informed, vote for good leaders and encourage others to do so. Our desire is not just for peace and prosperity, but also for the free preaching of the Gospel which is affected by this.

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