



Polish Christian Ministries

Serving the people of Poland since 1954

Polska Herald

Summer/Fall 2019

SERVING THE CHURCHES OF POLAND



Since 1954, PCM has existed to assist Polish believers in becoming healthy and reproducing congregations. We help plant churches, provide resources for pastors' salaries and building projects, and develop relationships between U.S. and Polish churches. It is our great honor and privilege to partner with this great group of pastors and church leaders who day-after-day pour themselves out on behalf of God's kingdom work in Poland. They are the ones engaging Polish society and sharing the good news of Jesus while training those in their congregations to do the same. They are the ones preaching truth from the pulpit, leading others in worship, discipling new believers, reaching out to the poor and needy, counseling the oppressed, and casting vision for the future. They are the ones who need our prayers and encouragement. May God bless the pastors and their families, the church leaders, and all those involved in serving the churches of Poland ... all to the glory of God!

QUICK FACTS (2018): 46 Christian churches in 40 Polish cities; 6,326 believers; 4,500 average Sunday morning attendance; 206 baptisms.

OUTREACH IN PŁOCK

In May, PCM partnered with Pastor Jacek Konicki and the church in Płock to bring a team from Messiah College (Mechanicsburg, PA) to teach English in the local high school. Throughout the week we taught about 30 classes per day and interacted with hundreds of students. We were so encouraged when 24 students came to the church for a farewell party on Friday. The headmasters of the high



school as well as the president of the city welcomed us warmly. We hope to continue this partnership as we see it is effective in breaking down misconceptions about the church and opening doors for evangelism.



BIAŁA PODLASKA WORK SITE

Work continues on the new church building in Biała Podlaska. The Central Christian Church (Mt. Vernon, IL) once again sent a crew this summer to assist at the work site. Even in the intense heat, their 12-member team managed to frame 86 windows, as well as to clear brush from the site. As always, the highlight for the team was interacting with Pastor Piotr Bronowicki, Jr., and the members of the congregation who hosted them in their homes and served alongside them. We are thankful for teams such as these who give of themselves to not only help with a project but to develop deep and lasting relationships with our Polish partners.



IT'S OFFICIAL

We're excited to report that two Polish church plants became independent churches this year: Warsaw West (Pastor Adam Duliński) and Działdowo (Pastor Arek Kotlewski). Earlier this year a U.S. team joined Warsaw West in a week-long community outreach. This summer a team including the PCM interns, Ben Porter, and our partners, Andrzej and April Korytkowski, participated with the church in Działdowo in a Kidz Klub outreach. The tent and bounce houses were filled with kids all week. We're thankful for both of these new churches who have such a heart for reaching their communities for Christ.



NEW CSM WORSHIP CD

Adam Kosewski and the Christian School of Music/Worship recently released a new Polish worship CD entitled, "Serce Sługi" ("Heart of a Servant"). The CD includes twelve original songs created for worship in the Polish churches. The school continues to expand and they are currently praying for a building of their own. We are thankful for such devoted musicians whose hearts are passionate to serve God.



OSTRÓDA CAMP

Summers are always full at Ostróda Camp and this summer was no exception. This year PCM welcomed teams from Savannah (GA), Normal (IL), Middletown (RI), Ormond Beach (FL), as well as the Porter/Smith families from Indiana and one volunteer from New Zealand. The new camp director, Bartek Zdanowicz, and his family have arrived and he will be carrying on the good work Andrzej Korytkowski and previous directors have provided. Those from Georgia and New Zealand served at the camp for Holocaust survivors from Israel. What a special time it was to love on our guests and to share our faith in Yeshua the Messiah! The remaining teams served at one of the two Ukrainian camps: the first for children ages 8-12 and the second for Ukrainian youth ages 13-15. What a joy to watch the children respond to God's love. We thank God for the dozens of youth who came forward for prayer or to give their lives to Jesus.



PCM MINISTRY INTERNS

This year PCM welcomed four PCM Ministry Interns to serve alongside our partners in Poland. Abigail Roush (Raleigh, NC) served for 6 months (!) in Poland, arriving in February and serving primarily at the church in Olsztyn before joining the rest of the interns in the summer initiatives. Tori Janacek (Marshfield, MO) returned to Poland to serve as an intern for a record-breaking third time. Austin and Keilah King (Joplin, MO) came to serve for the first time and Keilah's internship fulfilled requirements for her degree at Ozark Christian College. Currently, Tomasz and Natalia Biadoń, a young Polish couple from Warsaw, are serving an internship with the Hamilton North congregation (a plant of the White River Christian Church in Noblesville, IN). We are thankful for young adults such as these who give of themselves so generously and with such passion in order to build up the kingdom of God both in Poland and in the States.



from David's desk

One of the strengths of PCM is our Board of Directors. They volunteer their time, resources, and wisdom. Currently there are twelve Directors who are responsible for navigating the course of PCM's partnerships with Polish churches. This year there were 21 partnership agreements (AOU's) signed with Polish churches. Three of the AOU's were new ones with the church plants in Działdowo, Garwolin, and Wilanów. I am thankful for Directors who can join me in these meetings, i.e., when Ben Porter traveled to Lublin with me as we met with Marek and Zosia Charis and the leaders of the Hosanna Church. We are able to renew AOU's, hear firsthand the challenges the Polish leaders are facing, and rejoice with the victories being won.



Please pray for our Chairman of the Board, Pat Howard, who is being treated for Transverse Myelitis. We are praying for a return of feeling in his extremities and a complete restoration of his nervous system.

Please welcome our newest member to the PCM Board!

Chris Santasierre has served as an associate minister with the Fairmount Christian Church, Mechanicsville, VA, since 2004. He and his wife, Holly, have been married for 24 years and have three children. He is the leader of IMPACT Ministry at Fairmount, has served as a church planting intern, and is currently serving with Waypoint Ministry Partners for its newest church plant, Jacob's Well. Chris came to Poland for the first time in 2014 and just returned from Poland in March of this year. Chris writes, "It was a joy to visit and meet the pastors and leadership teams of eight churches in north central Poland. I left Poland invigorated and encouraged by how God is at work in these churches and communities. I have a love and passion for Poland." Welcome, Chris!



Gifts Given in Memory

Paul & Dela Bajko

Del & Winnie Schanie

C. Wayne Murphy

Nola Shollenberger

John R. Todd

E.M. & Sarah Cole

Ruth Davenport

Hickory Valley Christian Church,

Chattanooga, TN

Kenneth & Wilma Mitchell

Jeffrey & Julie VanLiew

Sue Todd

Charles & Dolly Steele

Mark & Marla Steele

Polish Christian Ministries

Polish Christian Ministries assists Polish Christians in becoming healthy, growing, self-supporting, and reproducing congregations.

Staff

David A. Hatfield

Executive Director

Lois Harris

Administrative Assistant

Zofia Charis

Administrative Assistant (Poland)

Liz Mentzer

Financial Assistant

Sandy Hatfield

Outreach Coordinator

Paul and Adela Bajko,
Founders

Board of Directors

*David A. Hatfield, Brighton, MI

*Patrick D. Howard, Colorado Sprgs, CO

*Paul Howey, Rockville, MD

David Menge, Lawton, OK

*Gregory W. Meyer, Indianapolis, IN

J. Ben Porter, Rockville, IN

Chris Santasierre, Mechanicsville, VA

John J. Shelley, Kissimmee, FL

Steve Shuster, Danville, PA

*David Smiley, Noblesville, IN

Paula Styles, Brighton, MI

*Dennis Towles, Indianapolis, IN

Doyle Warren, Weatherford, OK

**Executive Committee*

Contact Us:

pcm@pcmususa.org

dave.hatfield777@gmail.com

410-688-3294

Cell: 810-923-0226

www.pcmusa.org

FIND us on FACEBOOK



ICOM 2019
November 14-17
Kansas City, MO
Come visit us!

World Christian Convention
Warsaw June 3-6, 2021
Save the date!