

Serving the people of Poland since 1954 Polish Christian Ministries September 2019

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Isaiah 52:7

WE REMEMBER



On September 1, 1939, at 4:45am, Germany invaded Poland from the west with 1.5 million German troops, more than 2,000 tanks, and 1,000 planes. On September 17, the Soviet Union invaded Poland from the east. Before Germany surrendered on May 7, 1945, nearly 6 million Polish people had perished. What followed was communist rule under the Soviets until 1989. Today we remember the suffering Poland has endured and we give thanks that today they are a free and independent nation. May God bless and protect Poland and may her people put their trust in Him.

ALASKA TOUR

Kenai Peninsula

Every five years the Kenai Christian Church in Kenai, AK, invites PCM to come and give an update on the work in Poland. 2019 was the year and we just returned from a wonderful time in this magnificent state sharing not only with the church in Kenai but also with the Homer Christian **Church** at the southern tip of the peninsula. An extra bonus was a special gathering of three churches from the Anchorage area who were interested in hearing about PCM for the first time. We again were in awe of the grandeur surrounding us and learned what it's like to have

wildfires burning nearby. We made new friends, deepened existing relationships, and were so encouraged by the heart these people have for Poland and the nations.



THE WORK HAS BEGUN!



We are rejoicing with Pastor Jacek Konicki and the church in **Plock** as they have officially broken ground and begun the work to add a two-story addition to their current building. We are so encouraged by the faith of this congregation as they seek to reach their city for Christ.



Congratulations to Pastor Daniel Masarczyk and the church in **Sosnowiec** as their new sanctuary and the building renovations are nearly complete. We honor them for their perseverance and hard work as they have prepared with excellence a place for people to encounter and worship our great God.

OUTREACH TO CHILDREN





We are thankful for the many Polish churches who offer special activities for children/youth throughout the summer. The churches in **Bielsk Podlaski** and **Gdynia** both provided special programs recently to welcome kids from their communities and share with them the love and joy found in Jesus. We pray God will raise up a generation of young people in Poland who are filled with passion for God and His ways.

U.S. CHURCH LEADERS INVITED TO POLAND



U.S. church leaders are invited to join David and Sandy Hatfield as they visit Polish church leaders in northwest and southern Poland. The main purpose of these visits is to meet with the pastor and elders to discuss ministry responsibility, financial accountability, and their vision for their church in their city. It is also a time to pray with and encourage leaders and sign a three-year AOU (Agreement of Understanding) to confirm our partnership.

January 29-February 8, 2020 Northwest Tour. This tour will include visits to Bialogard, Kolobrzeg, Koszalin, Polczyn Zdroj, Gryfice, and Gdynia. Plans also include the Museum of the Second World War (Gdansk), Stutthof concentration camp, and Malbork Castle. Airfare should be booked to/from Gdansk, Poland.

February 12-22, 2020 South Tour. This tour will include visits to Dabrowa Gornicza, Katowice, Lodz, Sosnowiec, and Pawelki (Christian School of Music). Plans also include Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Wieliczka Salt Mine, and Old Town Kraków. Airfare should be booked to/from Krakow, Poland.

Both trips are \$550 for all in-country costs (food, lodging, and transportation). Airfare to Poland is not included. Interested participants can sign up at PCM's website (www.pcmusa.org). Click on "Minister With Us" then scroll to the bottom to download your application by November 1, 2019. All funds are due by January 1, 2020. Call David with questions at 810-923-0226.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for ...

- ... the many decisions made for Christ this summer in Poland.
- ... the groundbreaking in Plock.
- ... the insurance which came through to cover the damaged sound system in Dabrowa Gornicza.
- ...Tori Janacek's successful ACL reconstructive knee surgery. (Please continue to pray for her as she recovers.)

Please pray for ...

- ... the financial need in the church in **Bielsk Podlaski** as one side of their building is collapsing and they need to replace the outer brick wall (\$15K still needed for this project).
- ... the **Plock** church as they seek to raise \$320K for their new addition (250-seat sanctuary plus children/youth classrooms). They broke ground in mid-August.
- ... the **Wilanow** church plant as they seek a new meeting place.
- ... the CSM school of music/worship as they seek a building of their own.
- ... Tomasz and Natalia Biadon, who are serving as ministry interns at the North Hamilton campus of the White River Christian Church in Noblesville, IN (until Sept 25th).
- ... **Pat Howard**, the chairman of PCM's Board of Directors, as he is being treated for Transverse Myelitis. Please pray for the return of feeling in his extremities and complete restoration of his nervous system.
- ... Dave and Sandy's travel schedule:

September 15: Pleasant View Church of Christ, Cassopolis, MI

September 17: Service and Learning Internship Fair at Lincoln Christian University (IL)

September 19: North Hamilton church plant in Cicero, IN

September 22: North Liberty Church of Christ, North Liberty, IN

If your church is interested in having PCM come to your congregation in 2019 or beyond, please contact David at dave.hatfield777@gmail.com or call him at 810-923-0226.

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