



Serving the people of Poland since 1954
Polish Christian Ministries
April 2020

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings from Polish Christian Ministries!

I hope you and your families are well and safe.

In seeking to be obedient to God's Word and in light of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, PCM is complying with the restrictions set in place by our governing authorities, both in the United States and in Poland. We have received questions and feedback from our Polish partners and U.S. supporters in regard to PCM's ministry involvement beyond the end of April. Due to the uncertainty of how long the restrictions will be in force, PCM is proactively taking the following measures:

- The salaries for 52 Polish pastors and ministry workers will remain our top priority;
- Providing financial funding for building/renovation projects will continue as long as there are designated funds to send (e.g., from "3 for 3 in 3") and building projects are allowed to continue in Poland;
- Ministry initiatives with Polish churches (e.g., teaching English at Plock) and at Ostroda Camp have been canceled or postponed through August 31, 2020;
- Ministry operations will continue with PCM staff and partners working from home;
- Mail, donor gifts, and expenses will be taken care of in a normal fashion;
- Communication with US churches and individuals will continue, although all travel is suspended;
- PCM's Executive Committee will continue to monitor the developments and will adjust ministry operations accordingly.

During this time of uncertainty and challenge I want to encourage you to not lose heart but actually be strengthened in faith and devotion to our Sovereign God. This is an opportunity to spend more time in prayer and in God's Word. These restrictions and lockdowns can be seen as gifts from God to help us "reset" our lives and our priorities. Let us go about our work diligently and faithfully, entrusting ourselves to God's mighty hand. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

May our great God continue to impart His wisdom and may His peace reign in our hearts.

Forever in Christ,

David Hatfield
PCM Executive Director

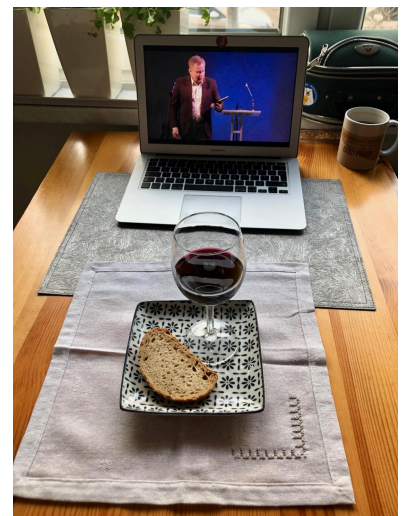
POLISH PARTNERS

PCM partners with Polish leaders such as these, financially supporting 52 of them.



A NEW FORM OF FELLOWSHIP

Although gatherings are forbidden and churches are closed, the Word of God continues to go forth in the nation of Poland. Like in the States and throughout the world, believers are gathering together virtually to worship, pray, study the Word, and break bread. During these days of isolation, these moments together are a sacred treasure. Many Polish pastors have activated their leaders and small groups to be in regular communication with each other to make sure all practical needs are being met. These are not easy times for our pastors as they care not only for their own families but also are responsible to shepherd their flocks. Please join us in praying strength and peace over these Polish leaders and their families.



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ILLINOIS CHURCHES

Just prior to the imposition of social distancing restrictions, we were able to visit three of our supporting churches in Illinois: the First Christian Church (Carmi, IL), the Jefferson St. Christian Church (Lincoln, IL), and the Milford Christian Church (Milford, IL). All three of these congregations are long-time supporters of PCM. We pray blessing and safety over these churches and all our U.S. partner churches as together we pray for God's kingdom to advance during this time of crisis.



Prayer Requests

Praise God for. . .

- . . .the love of God which is steadfast and sure.
- . . .Polish pastors/leaders who continue to faithfully serve their congregations during this difficult time.
- . . .U.S. churches/individuals who come alongside our Polish pastors/leaders.
- . . .today's technology which allows us to stay in touch and find encouragement in the Lord together.

Please pray for. . .

- . . .our Polish pastors/leaders as they seek to comfort and encourage their congregations.
- . . .adequate funds to provide the monthly salaries for the 52 nationals PCM supports.
- . . .Pastor Adam Byra as he suffers from heart arrhythmia and awaits an ablation.
- . . .Laura and Asia (the wives of two of our leaders) as they fight cancer.
- . . .Zosia Charis and her family as they grieve the loss of her mother.

PCM's Board of Directors "Zoom" Schedule

- April 17: Personnel Committee
- April 21: Finance Committee
- April 24: Strategic Planning Committee
- April 27: at 9:30 AM; Executive Committee at 2:00 PM
- April 28: PCM Board of Directors joint meeting

If your church is interested in having PCM come to your congregation in 2020 or beyond, please contact David at dave.hatfield777@gmail.com or call him at 810-923-0226.

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