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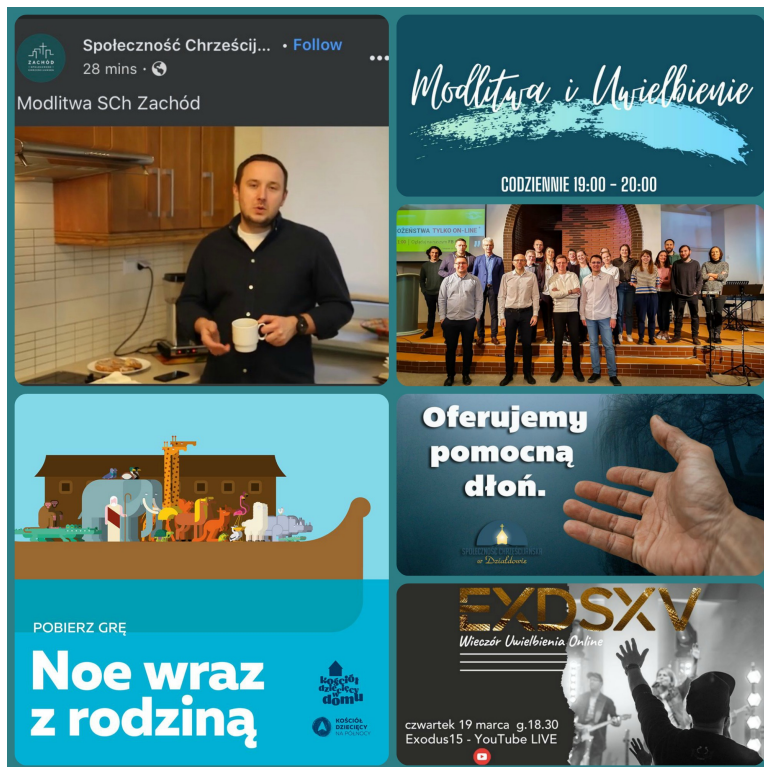
At the time of writing this edition, the coronavirus was just beginning to multiply in the States and in Poland. We could not predict how the situation would look by the time this reaches you. We chose to go ahead and report what God has been doing thus far in 2020 and how you can pray and support the work. May God sustain and purify His church during this difficult time.



God has been doing great things in Poland. PCM has prayerfully considered how we can assist in the growth of the Church, and have determined three key areas:

- 1) building projects -- currently, there are two major building projects and several renovation projects.
- 2) scholarships -- funds are needed for young Polish leaders to serve in Polish churches, to intern in U.S. churches, and/or to receive training at the WSTS seminary, CSM music school, or TCM institute.
- 3) CSM facility -- Approximately 140 students are enrolled in the school of music this year. As their ministry expands, there is a great need for a building of their own to serve as a worship training center.

God has stirred our hearts to dream big to meet these needs. Our goal is to raise \$300,000 over the next three years for these three projects. We realize the economic situation is not as stable as it once was. We ask you to please pray for this initiative and ask God to make a way. May we trust Him to provide and may the churches in Poland continue to shine the light of Jesus in these troubled times.



SOUTHERN TOUR

It was our pleasure to welcome Connie Davis and Jeanne Davis (Tomoka CC, Ormond Beach, FL), Beth McQueen (Christ's Church, Jacksonville, FL), Ralph Wisco (Central CC, Ocala, FL), and Tom Scott (Cumberland CC, Cumberland, IN) to join us on a tour of Poland's southern region. We visited with leaders in Pawełki, Sosnowiec, Katowice, Dąbrowa Górnicza, Pabianice, Łódź, Zakościele, and Tomaszów Mazowiecki. Tomoka CC is a Living Link with both Adam Kosewski (CSM) and Daniel Masarczyk

(Sosnowiec) and Central CC is linked with Jarek Ściwiarski at Dąbrowa. It was so meaningful for them to finally meet in person. We are thankful for U.S. church leaders who are willing to come and develop lasting relationships with our Polish brothers and sisters.



BEING THE CHURCH

We are so thankful for our Polish partners who are reaching out in the name of Jesus amidst the current Covid-19 crisis. Since "going to church" is not possible, many congregations are streamlining their services and "being the church" via the internet (see the online team from the Puławska church in Warsaw). Polish pastors are offering encouragement from home (see Adam Duliński from Warsaw West). Some churches are providing online resources for families with young children, (e.g., Warsaw North), worship concerts (Exodus 15), ways to reach out and help those in need (Działdowo), and nightly prayer meetings (Lublin). We pray during this time the churches will be encouraged and the message of Jesus will reach every household in Poland.

NORTHWEST TOUR

Along with Paul Kucharski (Maine) and our translator, Zosia Charis (Lublin), we traveled to Poland's northwest region and met with church leaders from Kołobrzeg, Półczyn Zdrój, Białogard, and Koszalin. A primary purpose of these meetings is to deepen relationships with our Polish partners and to discover how we can better serve together for God's glory.





MEET RALPH

Ralph Wisco has served as an elder and church treasurer at the Central CC in Ocala, FL, for more than two decades. His job with a company building firetrucks took him to over forty countries worldwide. He has been on two mission trips to Honduras and Cuba, but in all his travels he had yet to visit Poland. Ralph first met Pastor Jarek Ściwiarski and his wife, Lidia, when they visited Central in 2006. Ralph was excited to finally visit Poland this year to meet with Jarek and Lidia and their congregation. Besides worshipping together, Ralph was also able to share leadership principles at a gathering of ministry team leaders. Ralph turned 74 while on the trip and the celebration was quite memorable - Sto Lat, Ralph!



ICOM 2020

ICOM is a wonderful time to meet with supporters and to reach out to potential new ministry partners. This year's conference will take place **November 19-22, 2020**, in Indianapolis, IN. **Hope to see you there!**



2019 Top Supporting Churches

#	Church Name	City	ST
1	COMPASSION CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Savannah	GA
2	CHURCH OF CHRIST AT MANOR WOODS	Rockville	MD
3	BRIGHTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Brighton	MI
4	OCEANPOINTE CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Middletown	RI
5	TOMOKA CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Ormond Beach	FL
6	TRADERS POINT CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Zionsville	IN
7	COLLEGE PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Normal	IL
8	SOUTHPORT HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Indianapolis	IN
9	FAIRMOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Mechanicsville	VA
10	CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Mount Vernon	IL
11	WESTERN HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Lawton	OK
12	SALEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Richmond	KY
13	LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Lakeside Park	KY
14	NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Whitestown	IN
15	NORTH LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST	North Liberty	IN
16	LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Oceanside	CA
17	ISLANDS CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Savannah	GA
18	KISSIMMEE CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Kissimmee	FL
19	BLOOMSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Bloomsburg	PA
20	POST ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Indianapolis	IN
21	CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Ocala	FL
22	PERIMETER CHURCH	Johns Creek	GA
23	GATEWAY CHURCH OF MARYSVILLE	Marysville	MI
24	CHRIST'S CHURCH	Jacksonville	FL
25	KENAI CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Kenai	AK
26	UNION CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Richmond	KY
27	JEFFERSON ST CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Lincoln	IL
28	PARKWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST	Allentown	PA
29	LEFFINGWELL BAPTIST CHURCH	Bozrah	CT
30	GETHESEMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST	Mechanicsville	VA

This summer, God willing, PCM will host TWO Ukrainian camps for the second year in a row. Volunteers from the US, Poland and Germany are planning to come to lead these camps. A total of \$25,000 is needed to cover the expenses of these two camps. **\$165** will cover the cost of an individual camper.

SEND A CHILD TO CAMP



Gifts Given in Memory

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from David's desk

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has shaken us to the core. But as the people of God, His beloved children, we declare, "God is on the throne." Psalm 102:12 says, "But you, O Lord, sit enthroned forever; Your renown endures through all generations." Isaiah 33:5-6 says, "The Lord is exalted for He dwells on high; He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness. He will be the **sure foundation** for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure."

Yes, we should take the necessary precautions - staying at home, washing our hands, sanitizing surfaces - but ultimately we know in our hearts that God is our sure foundation as we face this pandemic. God is with us. He goes before us. He even has our back. So, what do we do now? I think it best that we continue doing the things we've always done: loving God, loving people, praying without ceasing, studying and meditating on the Word of God, and trusting the Holy Spirit to lead.

Poland, like the rest of the world, is dealing with the Coronavirus crisis. Churches, schools, restaurants, and businesses have been closed. The borders are open only to Polish citizens returning home. Church services are being conducted online. Please remember our Polish pastors and their congregations and reach out to them via email or Facebook Messenger, especially if you are their Living Link church. We are not alone. God is with us and He is giving us opportunities to share His love to a fearful world. Thank you for standing with Polish Christian Ministries and for your continued support as we partner with U.S. and Polish churches for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mark your calendar!

Warsaw 2021

Trip #1: May 30 - June 14 includes Auschwitz, 100-Year Celebration, World Christian Convention, and a Polish Church initiative.

Trip #2: May 30 - June 7 includes Auschwitz, 100-Year Celebration, World Christian Convention, and a Polish Sunday Worship Service.



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