

Serving the people of Poland since 1954 Polish Christian Ministries April 2025

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love."

I Corinthians 16:13-14

POLAND BOUND 2025



As of today, there are 76 U.S. volunteers preparing to serve in Poland this spring/summer. We hosted a Zoom call for all the volunteers to give the big PCM picture and go over trip details. We pray our time serving alongside our Polish ministry partners will be fruitful.

Poland Bound Volunteer Orientation Zoom sessions:

April 12th at 10:00 AM Eastern (Pabianice Renovation Project)
May 3rd at 9:00 AM Eastern (Sosnowiec English Camp Outreach)

OKSANA AT BRIGHTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Oksana Bilous, our Ukrainian ministry partner serving in Poland, is currently studying in Brooklyn, NY. She is pursuing her masters of divinity in Jewish studies in order to enhance her ministry. She recently visited us in Brighton, MI, and shared an update and testimony with the Brighton Christian Church. We pray blessing over Oksana as she continues to serve God and follow His lead.

AUBURN CHRISTIAN CHURCH



PCM Board member, Bob Sylvester, represented PCM at the Faith Promise Rally of the Auburn Christian Church in Auburn, IL. We thank God for this congregation and their faithful support of our ministry.



Recently, the sewer system for the church in Dabrowa Gornicza needed to be replaced and PCM gave funds toward the project. Not so exciting, but necessary. Meanwhile, Pastor Jarek Sciwiarski shared that in early March eight people were baptized into Christ. Now, that IS exciting.

JEFFERSON CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH (JC3)



The Jefferson City Christian Church (JC3) in Jefferson City, TN, met us at ICOM 2024 and began praying about a possible trip to Poland. This summer they've decided to bring a 15-

member team to serve alongside churches in Warsaw. We shared in their worship services and enjoyed a Polish lunch with the team as we discussed details of the trip. We're thankful for this new relationship with JC3 and look forward to how God will work among us in the days ahead.

ISLANDS CHRISTIAN CHURCH



The Islands Christian Church in Savannah, GA, is a Living Link with Adam Dulinski in Warsaw and Waldemar Swiatkowski in Polczyn Zdroj. They warmly welcomed us to a special luncheon where we shared an update about the work in Poland. What a blessing to be with these dear ones who have a heart for missions.

LAKE CITY & MACCLENNY





Doug Allen has been ministering at the First Christian Church in Macclenny, Florida, for thirty years. Seventeen years ago he began traveling to Lake City early each Sunday morning to fill the pulpit at the First Christian Church before returning to his church in time for the mid-morning service. Both of these congregations support Pastor Lukasz Osik and the church in Wyszkow, Poland. We are so thankful for their support and for the kind welcome we received during our visit.



The church in Sandomierz, Poland, continues to transport goods into Ukraine and provide for refugees living in their city. Regular transports of food, medicines, and supplies are delivered to various cities in Ukraine and are distributed by the churches there. Monthly gatherings in Sandomierz for the Ukrainian community bring a sense of belonging and gives them an opportunity to hear the Gospel. We are thankful for our ministry partners in Sandomierz who continue to serve so faithfully.



In March, PCM sent \$10,500 to Poland for the purpose of Ukrainian refugee relief:

- 1) Food distribution centers in Poland \$4,500
- 2) Polish churches for housing/food \$4,500
- 3) Transports to Ukraine from four Polish churches \$1,500

PCM is committed to sending funds to help our Polish churches and Ostroda Camp provide food and housing for Ukrainian refugees. Every donation is deeply appreciated.



We were saddened to learn of the passing of Loren Deckard, a longtime friend and partner in ministry. Loren served as the Director of Development for PCM from 2004-2009, and visited the pastors in Poland on six occasions. He served on PCM's Board of Directors for several years. His wisdom and kindness were treasured by many and the encouragement he offered continues to impact lives. We send our deepest sympathy to his wife, Mary Jane, and all his family and friends. We rest in the hope we have through Jesus and thank God for this faithful servant who has finished the race so well.

IN MEMORY



PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for ...

- ... HOPE found in Jesus that changes lives.
- ... the PCM Board of Directors who serve so faithfully.
- ... the many volunteers who are planning to come to Poland this spring/summer.
- ... the Polish churches as they continue to care for Ukrainians both in Poland and via transports to Ukraine.
- ... the faithful generosity of supporters who helped us surpass our goal of \$75K toward the Year End Appeal with donations/pledges exceeding \$95,285.

... the next 35 US donor churches in 2024: (THANK YOU!) Gethsemane Church of Christ, Mechanicsville, VA Packerville Church, Packerville, CT Christ's Hope & Ministries, Ft. Wayne, IN Slavic Church, Kingsville, MD Cumberland Christian Church, Cumberland, IN Liberty Christian Church, Liberty, IN Parkway Church of Christ, Allentown, PA Fairfield Christian Church, Lancaster, OH Homer Christian Church, Homer, AK First Christian Church, Macclenny, FL Converse Church of Christ, Converse, IN Bloomsburg Christian Church, Bloomsburg, PA Council Grove Christian Church, Council Grove, KS Zeandale Christian Church, Zeandale, KS Poplar Chapel Church of Christ, Jamesville, NC Cornerstone Christian Church, Springfield, KY Rockville Christian Church, Rockville, IN First Christian Church, Belleville, IL Pleasant View Church of Christ, Cassapolis, MI Berea Christian Church, Brazil, IN West Waynesboro Church of Christ, Waynesboro, VA Christ's Church, Jacksonville, FL First Christian Church, Carmi, IL Christian Church at Rome, Rome, GA New Testament Christian Church, Roanoke, NC New Found Church of Christ, Glen Allen, VA Snellville Christian Church, Snellville, GA Hartford Christian (Go Ye Council), Hartford, KY Locust Grove Church of Christ, Locust Grove, IL Warren Church of Christ, Warren, IN Oakland Drive Church of Christ, Portage, MI Joppatowne Christian Church, Joppatowne, MD Auburn Christian Church, Auburn, IL Oxford Church of Christ, Oxford, IN Michigantown Christian Church, Michigantown, IN

Please pray for ...

... an end to the war in Ukraine.

... the hearts of the Polish people to be open to the Gospel message.

... the PCM Board of Directors during their spring meetings (April 7-8).

... wisdom and guidance for the process of selecting the next PCM executive director.

NEW Executive Director Timeline

2025: ED Search 2026: ED Selection 2027: ED Transition

... the family of Loren Deckard during their time of loss.

... Bob Sylvester (PCM Board member) and his family as they grieve the passing of his mother on February 20 and the passing of his father on March 28.

... favor from the mayor of Ostroda to approve new cabin construction at Ostroda Camp.

... wisdom for the church in Katowice as they search for a new venue.

Dave & Sandy Hatfield's travel schedule:

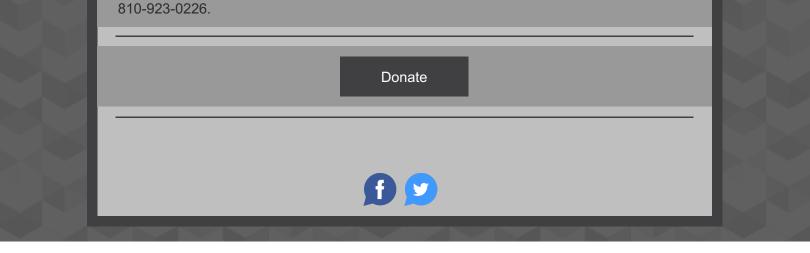
April 1: Kissimmee CC, Kissimmee, FL

April 2: Central CC, Ocala, FL

April 5-8: Tomoka CC, Ormond Beach, FL April 6: Tomoka CC (satelite), Leland, FL April 6: Tomoka CC (satelite), Bunnell, FL

April 7-8: PCM Board of Directors' spring meetings in Ormond Beach, FL May 3-8: Mt. Gilead Church, Mooresville, IN (Katowice pastors visiting)

May 4: Thrive Church, Camby, IN



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