



Serving the people of Poland since 1954
Polish Christian Ministries August 2026

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isa. 43:19)

PCM'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELECT



PCM is happy to announce that on **September 1, 2026**, Matt James will be joining the PCM staff as the new Executive Director "Elect." Matt has served in the local church for fifteen years, primarily as a Worship Pastor. He and his wife, Haylee, served a three-month internship in Poland in 2015, and then returned the next two summers with teams from their church. They have a big heart for Poland and Central/Eastern Europe and are eager to step out in this new role. We are confident that Matt and Haylee will bring a new and fresh look to PCM, while still upholding our cherished values, vision, and goals. Over the next sixteen months, David Hatfield will be providing training for Matt during the transition period. Matt will officially become PCM's 4th Executive Director on **April 1, 2027**.

Matt and Haylee and their two boys, Asa and Asher, live in Maineville, Ohio. They will be traveling with Dave and Sandy during the fall and will be eager to meet all of you. A special reception at ICOM in St. Louis is being planned for **Thursday, Nov. 12**. We can't wait for you to meet them!

Click on the video above to hear from Matt and Haylee.

Some of you met Matt this summer in Poland, but in order to avoid possible complications with his current employment, we refrained from announcing his selection at that time. Thank you for your understanding.

As pictured below, the PCM Board met in April at the Church of Christ at Manor Woods (Rockville, MD), and officially selected Matt James as the new Executive Director.



REPRESENTING PCM

Lake James Christian Camp and Retreat Center



For 90 years, the **Lake James Christian Camp and Retreat Center** (Angola, IN) has hosted a "School of Missions" each summer. It is a week set aside for missionaries from

various nations to come and present their ministries. This past week, Matt & Haylee James and their boys spent the week at Lake James and presented the work of PCM. A few of the other ministries in attendance included IDES, FAME, and LifeVenture Group. Next summer, Matt will be one of the featured speakers. We're thankful for this opportunity to increase awareness of all God is doing in the nation of Poland.

Butler Springs Christian Camp



This summer, PCM was the featured mission at **Butler Springs Christian Camp** in Hillsboro, Ohio. Matt and Haylee James have served in various positions at Butler Springs over the years, and this summer they volunteered to represent PCM. Butler Springs is set up so that several camps are going on simultaneously (e.g., a sport camp, culinary camp, wilderness camp, etc.). Matt estimates that he and Haylee shared 114 PCM presentations over the course of the summer. We're thankful for Matt and Haylee's ministry and for the partnership we share with Butler Springs. Many young people have been introduced to PCM's ministry; many have given financially to the matching donation fund; and many have committed to praying for Poland. Praise God!

ENGLISH CAMP IN URSYNOW



In partnership with Pastor Slavik Levandovsky and HIS Church in the Ursynow district of Warsaw, a combined team from Post Road Christian Church (Indianapolis, IN), White River Christian Church (Noblesville, IN), and two ladies from Maryland, provided an English camp for Ukrainian and Belarusian children. In the evenings, English conversation classes were offered for adults. It was a great week filled with activities to point to our beloved Jesus. May the seeds planted go deep and bear fruit unto eternity.

DZIALDOWO KIDS CAMP



In partnership with Pastor Arek Kotlewski and the church in Dzialdowo, a team from the Fairmount Christian Church in Mechanicsville, VA, helped lead a daily Kids Club event, plus facilitated English classes. It was a wonderful week of learning about God, singing His praise, playing games/making crafts, and developing lasting relationships. We are thankful for Arek's leadership and Fairmount's ongoing commitment to partner with their Polish friends for the sake of the Gospel. May their efforts produce a harvest of souls.

HELP FOR UKRAINE

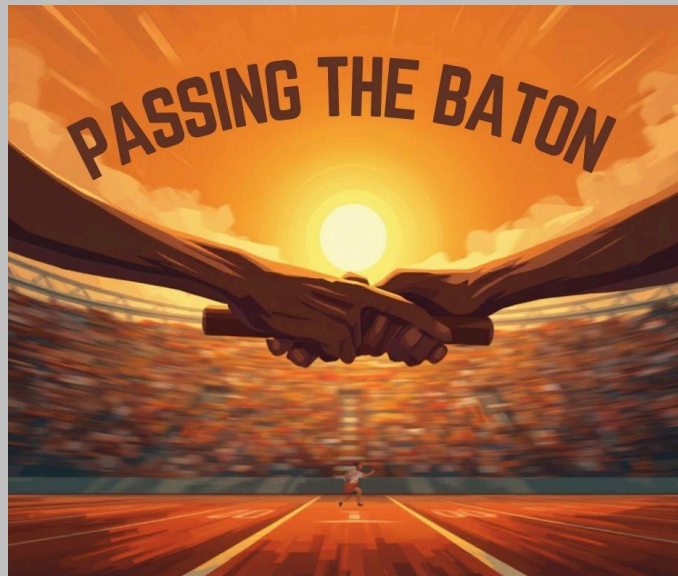


In July, PCM sent \$2,400 to Poland for the purpose of Ukrainian refugee relief:

- 1) Food distribution centers in Poland - \$1,400
- 2) Polish churches for housing/food - \$1,000

PCM is committed to sending funds to help our Polish churches provide food and housing for Ukrainian refugees. Every donation is deeply appreciated. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and prayers.

PASSING THE BATON CAMPAIGN



The **PASSING THE BATON** appeal has officially begun. A letter/email was sent out in July to all donor churches and individuals who have given to PCM since the beginning of 2025. We encourage you to pray and to give financial assistance for PCM's leadership transition period. We are seeking to raise an additional **\$50,000** in this appeal. Thus far, we have received **\$24,550**, and we are so thankful for those who have given.

May God continue to lead and provide ... all to His glory and to the building up of His church in the nation of Poland.

If you are led to help financially, please send your gift to:
Polish Christian Ministries, 740 North Shortridge Road #19094, Indianapolis, IN 46219
(Please include "**Passing the Baton**" on the memo line of the check.)

IN MEMORY

Gifts given in memory of ...

Ken Meade

by the Mark Meade family

C. Wayne Murphy

by Diana Murphy

by Nola Shollenberger

Ed & Dimp Spencer

by Dirck Spencer



PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for ...

... faithfully leading PCM to our next Executive Director, Matt James, and his wife Haylee.
... the successful English camp at HIS Church in the Ursynow district of Warsaw.
... the successful children's outreach with Arek Kotlewski and the church in Dzialdowo.
... His faithfulness to lead and grow His church in Poland.
... the many relationships that have been established between Polish and American believers over the last few weeks and months.
... the Polish churches as they continue to care for Ukrainians - both in Poland and via transports to Ukraine.
... the many churches and individuals in the States who faithfully support PCM's ministry.

Please pray for ...

... an end to the war in Ukraine and protection over Poland and neighboring nations.
... the mothers and children seeking safety in the "Save A Life" Life Centers in Ukraine during the recent bombings.
... the hearts of the Polish people to be open to the Gospel message.
... the seeds of the Gospel planted this summer to take root and grow.
... the many new believers who have been baptized into Christ in our Polish churches.
... the first ever DirtCamp at Ostroda Camp. May lives be changed forever.
... the "Passing the Baton" campaign and transition process as David and Matt serve together over the next 16 months.

Event schedule:

August 3-7: VBS at Waverly Church of Christ, Waverly, Ohio (Matt & Haylee).
August 9-15: DirtCamp In Ostroda featuring Motocross and other sports (volunteers from Kentucky).
August 14-24: Family Camp with the Katowice church (volunteers from the Mt. Gilead Church in Mooresville, IN).
August 29/30: Bloomsburg Christian Church (Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania).
September 1: Matt James joins the PCM staff.
September 13: Oakland Drive Church of Christ (Portage, MI).
September 20: Brighton Christian (Brighton, MI).

If your church is interested in having PCM connect with your congregation in person or via live stream or Zoom, please contact David at dave.hatfield777@gmail.com or call him at 810-923-0226.

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