



"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." (Isaiah 43:19)

WELCOME, MATT

Today, September 1, marks the beginning of a new season for PCM. We are excited that Matt James has officially joined our staff as the PCM Executive Director-Elect.



Hear from Matt ...

As September begins, I am incredibly grateful and humbled to officially join the PCM staff. It still feels a little surreal, but more than anything, I am thankful for the faithfulness of God and for the opportunity to serve alongside so many people who have faithfully loved, prayed for, supported, and partnered with the Church in Poland for many years.

One verse that I continually come back to is John 3:30:

"He must increase, but I must decrease."

I often write it simply as **HE > i** — “HE” in all caps and “i” intentionally lowercase. It is a small reminder of something that I hope is true not only of my own life, but of all of us who seek to follow Jesus: **this is not about us. It is about Him.**

Those words come from John the Baptist, whose ministry was quite literally about preparing the way for Jesus. People were coming to John, listening to him, and following him, yet John understood that he was never supposed to be the focus. When Jesus came onto the scene, John pointed people away from himself and toward Christ: **“He must increase, but I must decrease.”**

What a beautiful picture of what ministry should be.

Whether we are pastors and ministry leaders in Poland, supporters and partner churches in the United States, PCM staff and board members, volunteers, prayer partners, or simply followers of Jesus seeking to be faithful wherever God has placed us, our calling is ultimately the same: **prepare the way and point people to Christ.**

PCM has been blessed with generations of people who have faithfully done exactly that, and I am deeply grateful to simply become another small part of that story.

As we enter this new season together, my prayer is that Jesus would always remain at the center of everything we do. May our partnerships become stronger, may churches be encouraged, may the Gospel continue to go forward, and through it all, may less attention be drawn to us and more attention be drawn to Him.

HE > i.

He must increase. We must decrease.

May we continue, together, to **prepare the way for the Lord.**

Matt James
Executive Director-Elect

PCM VOLUNTEERS 2026



This year, over 100 PCM volunteers traveled to Poland and served in one of our initiatives alongside our Polish ministry partners. From work projects to English lessons to Kids Klubs to Family Camps to church leadership training ... each of these teams came with a willingness to serve, an openness to learn, and a desire to be a blessing. Thank you to each volunteer, to each Polish partner, and to all those who supported these efforts through prayer and financial support. May God receive all the glory.

FIRST EVER DIRT CAMP



Ostroda Camp hosted its first ever "Dirt Camp" this August and it was a big success. In cooperation with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the track was built and all preparations were made. A total of 45 young people attended the camp, along with 35 staff (15 from the States). Besides Motocross training and racing, campers enjoyed boating on the lake and other sports/activities. The Gospel was presented, and 11 campers made first-time decisions for Jesus. We give God thanks for this camp and all He did in the hearts and lives of these youth.

FAMILY CAMP



The Mt. Gilead church in Mooresville, IN, is a Living Link with the Christian Fellowship in Katowice. Over the last few summers, Mt. Gilead has sent teams to participate in the summer Family Camp with their friends from Katowice. This summer was no exception, and the team reported that relationships have deepened, allowing for significant times of sharing and speaking into each other's lives. We are blessed by the beautiful partnership that has developed between these two churches.

CHANGES IN CIECHANOW



As of today, September 1, Pastor Dominik Urbanski has officially begun serving at the Christian Fellowship in Ciechanow. We are thankful for Dominik and his wife, Milena, who have assumed this new role. Dominik and Milena grew up in the Ciechanow area, but recently have been living in Warsaw and serving at the "North" church. They and their children have moved to Ciechanow, and Dominik is leading the Sunday services. He is building a team of leaders and is preparing to offer the Alpha course. We pray God's blessing on Dominik and his family as they begin this new season in their lives.

PCM would also like to express our thanks to Krzysztof Adamkowski and his wife, Dorota, who served at the Ciechanow church for many years. We are also grateful to Jacek Konicki for filling the pulpit during these last months.

VBS IN WAVERLY, OH



We are so thankful for the opportunity to share Polish Christian Ministries with Waverly Church of Christ during their annual VBS, held August 3–6.

Around 30 children and 25 adults participated throughout the week. Each evening, they learned a Polish word, heard more about PCM and the Church in Poland, raised funds to support the ministry, and took home a grosz — a Polish penny — as a reminder to continue praying for Poland and PCM.

It was a wonderful week, and we are incredibly grateful for Waverly Church of Christ's generosity, encouragement, and continued partnership in ministry.

BLOOMSBURG, PA



The Bloomsburg Christian Church in Bloomsburg, PA, is a Living Link with the Christian Fellowship in Ciechanow. They have faithfully supported PCM for many years and sent teams to serve in Poland. Dave and Sandy had the opportunity to share a PCM update at the church last weekend. It was wonderful to meet with members of the mission team and to reconnect with Pastor Eric Miller. We are thankful for this congregation and pray continued blessing over them as they seek to "be the church" both at home and abroad.

HELP FOR UKRAINE



In August, 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 is nearing its goal and we are thankful. We humbly ask you to please continue praying, and if possible, to give during this period of PCM's leadership transition. Of the **\$50,000** we hoped to raise, we have received **\$49,582**.
Praise God for His faithfulness.

(NOTE: In actuality, the additional funds needed to cover the 16-month transition/overlap period totals \$130,000. Any funds received over \$50K will be used for this purpose.)

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

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 extraordinary response to the "Passing the Baton" appeal.
... the successful Dirt Camp at Ostroda where 11 first-time decisions were made.
... the successful Family Camp with the church in Katowice.
... His faithfulness to lead and grow His church in Poland.
... 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 hearts of the Polish people to be open to the Gospel message.
... Dominik and Milena as they begin serving the church in Ciechanow.
... the new church planting project in Krakow.
... Mila (one of the Ukrainian mothers at "Save A Life") whose sweet baby, Guliana, passed away unexpectedly.
... the "Passing the Baton" campaign and transition process as David and Matt serve together over the next 16 months.

Event schedule:

September 1: Matt James joins the PCM staff.
September 13: Oakland Drive Church of Christ, Portage, MI (David & Sandy)
September 20: Brighton Christian, Brighton, MI (David & Matt)
October 4: Southport Heights Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN
October 4: Homer Christian Church, Homer (Steve Bolin)
October 11: Kenai Christian Church, Kenai, AK (Steve Bolin)
October 14: Fairfield Church of Christ, Fairfield, OH (Matt James)

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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