



Serving the people of Poland since 1954

Polish Christian Ministries

June 2021

God will do for me all He has planned. He controls my destiny. (Job 23:14)

BIG DREAMS



The past year has undoubtedly been one of the most difficult in recent history for our Polish ministry partners. The Covid-19 pandemic brought not only illness and loss of life, but it created unique challenges for ministry unlike any experienced prior to this time. Yet, in the midst of it all, the pastors and church leaders have courageously pressed on. We have been encouraged by reports of what God is doing among them - from the smallest of gatherings to the largest of congregations. Our ministry partners have stepped forward with exceptionally big dreams for God. They have ventured out in faith, trusting in God to provide. Even in these trying times, they keep DREAMING BIG.

Here are 5 of the big dreams that are underway:

1) CHURCH IN A SHOPPING MALL



The Christian Fellowship "West" is currently renovating their new space in a shopping mall in the Bemowo district of Warsaw. It's a big dream and is on its way to becoming a reality. Their story has been featured in the local news as this is the first time a church in Warsaw has been located in a mall. We pray many will be drawn to this place and find salvation in the name of Jesus. Funds still needed: \$20,000.

2) TWO-STORY ADDITION



The Church of Christ in Plock is well on its way to completing their 2-story addition and the renovation of the former chapel. Their desire, like all of our church partners, is to create a welcoming atmosphere where people from their city can gather and find meaning and hope in Jesus. They dreamed of enlarging their facility and this dream is being realized. Funds still needed: \$53,000.

3) NEXT STEP = ROOF



The church in Biala Podlaska began dreaming about a bigger building several years ago. Each Sunday morning their chapel was packed to the limit and something needed to change. Property was purchased in 2015 and the building began. Now they dream about a roof and we trust God to provide. Funds still needed: \$65,000.

4) MUSIC MINISTRY HUB



The Christian School of Music (CSM) in Poland has long dreamed of a building of their own to use as a ministry hub. Last year they found a building and a piece of property that seemed just right. They made the purchase and have worked hard to renovate it to fit their needs. The offices and recording studios are in place and already classes for students have begun. Their dreams are being fulfilled. Funds still needed: \$120,000.

5) ALL-SEASON CHAPEL



Even though the pandemic limited activity at Ostroda Camp, the dream to renovate and improve the facility continued unabated throughout the year. Several projects, including renovations in the main lodge and cabins, as well as new seating at the campfire amphitheater, were completed. A big dream is to winterize the chapel where most meetings take place. The project has been divided into 3 phases and already phase 2 has begun. Funds still needed for this phase: \$6,000.

GETTING CLOSE



\$236,115.57 TO DATE

Five of our "3 for 3 in 3" building projects are getting close to their current goals:

- 1) Biala Podlaska needs \$150K for their roof phase. They have raised \$85K to date.
- 2) Warsaw West needs \$75K for their shopping mall renovation. They have raised \$55K.
- 3) Plock needs \$528K for the total project (3 phases). They have raised \$475K.

4) Ciechanow needs \$16K for an insulation building project. They have raised \$5K.
5) CSM needs \$350K for their building and property project. They have raised \$230K.
If you would like to give toward any of these projects, please designate your donation for "3 for 3 in 3." We thank God for each church and individual who have already given as together we dream big for the kingdom of God in Poland.

ZOOM PRAYER SESSIONS



On May 3rd we hosted a Zoom prayer session with Pastor Henryk Karasiewicz and his wife, Basia, from the church in Bielsk Podlaski. They shared a ministry update and several needs for prayer. We continue to pray for Henryk as he recovers from heart surgery and adapts to some physical work limits. We are thankful for the Langley Church of Christ (Hampton, VA) who serve as the Living Link with the church in Bielsk Podlaski. Our next Zoom session will be **Monday, June 7th, at 11:00 ET**. Our special guest will be Adam Kosewski, the Director of the Christian School of Music.

UKRAINIAN CAMP AUGUST 1-7



The Ukrainian youth camp is scheduled for August 1-7 at Camp Olvia in the city of Ochakiv, Ukraine. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 of the \$10,000 needed for the camp. There is a matching donor who will cover the remaining \$5,000. We're happy to report that we have already received \$3,275. Thank you so much to all who have given! If others would like to sponsor a youth (\$135/camper), please make checks payable to PCM with "Ukrainian Camp" in the memo.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for ...

... **Piotr Karel** and **Andrzej Ostrowski** as they retire this month as pastors of the church in Kolobrzeg. Piotr has been the pastor since the church was first registered in 1978.
...each of our Polish partners who **dream big** for God.
... **healing** several of our Polish partners who have been sick with Covid-19.
... all of our **U.S. supporting churches** and individuals, including ...

First Christian Church, Belleville, Illinois
College Park Christian Church, Normal, Illinois
Christian Church of Holiday, New Port Richey, Florida
Snellville Christian Church, Snellville, Georgia
Cumberland Christian Church, Cumberland, Indiana

Zeandale Community Church, Manhattan, Kansas
Western Hills Christian Church, Tranquility, New Jersey
Oakland Drive Church of Christ, Portage, Michigan
Pleasant View Church of Christ, Cassopolis, Michigan
New Testament Christian Church, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina

Grove Church of Christ, Gambier, Ohio
First Christian Church, Carmi, Illinois
Slavic Church of Christ, Baltimore, Maryland
West Waynesboro Church of Christ, Waynesboro, Virginia
Poplar Chapel Church of Christ, Jamesville, North Carolina

Please pray for ...

... the annual **pastors/church leaders conference** that will take place **June 3-4** in Zakosciele. Pray for a spirit of unity and encouragement among them. As part of the conference they will be celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the Churches of Christ in Poland.
... our Polish partners to have **good health** and strength to serve.
... a **worship leader** for the church in Sandomierz.
... the churches in **Lidzbark Welski** and **Radom** as they are in need of pastors.
... Dave and Sandy as they share a PCM update with the Concord Christian Church (Concord, IL) on **Sunday, June 6**.

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

Donate

