

Polish Christian Ministries October 2021

"I am counting on the LORD, yes, I am counting on the LORD. I have put myHOPE in His Word. I long for the LORD more than sentries long for the dawn, yes, more than sentries long for the dawn."

Psalm 130:5-6

FACE-TO-FACE



What a joy it has been thus far in Poland. This last month we have had the opportunity to sit face-to-face with so many of our friends and ministry partners and we are truly grateful. We heard more than once that our being here was a sign that God is still at work and that the restrictions and isolation will eventually end. Chris Santasiere (Richmond, VA) and Doyle Warren (Weatherford, OK) traveled with us for two weeks and their presence was a real blessing. We are so thankful for your prayers that are covering us during this time.

God is good and His faithfulness endures forever.

WAITING ON A ROOF



Last weekend we worshiped with Piotr Bronowicki and the church in Biala Podlaska. Many stood in the hallway as there were not enough seats available in the main sanctuary. They are eager to finish the new church building but work is on hold until a roof can be added. Sufficient funds had been collected but when the cost of building supplies "went through the roof," their funds weren't enough. \$30,000 additional funds are needed for the roof. We are trusting God to make a way and we look forward to when this large building will be filled with people praising Him.

WARSAW WEST PROGRESS



Progress is well underway on the new meeting place for the Christian Fellowship West in Warsaw. This unique space is situated in the upper level of a shopping mall in the Bemowo district. Funding was proceeding nicely until the cost of building materials soared and the delays in deliveries caused additional problems. Currently, they are in need of

\$87,000 to complete the project. Adam and Klaudia Dulinscy and their leadership team are hopeful to be in the new facility before the end of the year. We were excited to tour their new place and to be encouraged by their unrelenting faith.

LEADERSHIP MEETINGS



An important aspect of PCM's ministry is the time spent with church leaders. During these meetings, leadership principles are discussed, church issues addressed, prayers offered, and partnerships defined. PCM desires to "come under" these leaders - to do whatever we can to lift them up, provide encouragement, and help them realize the dreams God has given them. We thank God for the many gifted, dedicated, and humble leaders serving within the Polish churches.

SET APART



Piotr Syska was recently set apart as the new lead pastor at the church in Plock. He and his wife, Elwira, have two teen-aged children and have lived in this region for most of their lives. We pray blessing over them as they serve alongside the leadership team to spread the good news of the Gospel in their city.



Marcin Sawczuk was prepared more than a year ago for his ordination, but then Covid postponed it. We were thankful to be in Biala Podlaska this past weekend to celebrate his ordination. He, too, is being set apart for ministry. We pray blessing on he and his wife, Lidia, and their family as they continue to serve so faithfully.

100 YEARS

This year we are celebrating 100 years of the Christian Church/Churches of Christ in Poland. It was in 1921 that Konstanty Jaroszewicz and a few others began the work in eastern Poland. The building pictured was the original meeting place of the first church in the village of Starowies. It is not far from Bielsk Podlaski, so together with Kostek Jakoniuk, we visited the site and celebrated God's faithfulness.

Next summer, June 16-19, 2022, will be the GLOBAL GATHERING in Warsaw, Poland. The 100-year anniversary will be celebrated during this conference since Covid-19 prevented any international gatherings this year. We are welcoming U.S. teams to come to the Global Gathering and then to stay a few days afterward to spend time with one of the Polish churches.





After more than a year of crowd-funding and raising support, Adam Kosewski and the Christian school of music have made their final payment on their new building. The offices, recording studio, and meeting room for workshops are finished and already in use. We thank God for those who have given to this project through our 3for3in3 campaign. It was wonderful to see the facility and to hear about all the good things God is doing through this ministry. May God's praise resound throughout the nation of Poland!

ALMOST THERE



\$279,938.57 thus far

We thank God for funds received to help build and renovate church buildings and ministry centers. We were able this month to see firsthand the progress made in Plock, Warsaw West, Biala Podlaska, Ostroda Camp, and at CSM. It truly is amazing to witness what God is doing and how He is providing the facilities and tools needed for ministry to take place.



The International Conference on Missions is scheduled this year for November 18-21 in Richmond, VA. This conference is always a highlight of the year as missions from around the globe gather in one place to lift high the name of Jesus and encourage one another. We hope many of you can attend and visit us at our booth. Prior to the conference on Wed., Nov. 17, at 6:30pm, we will be hosting a PCM dinner and update at the Fairmount Christian Church. We invite you to join us for dinner and ask you to please RSVP to sandyhatfield14@gmail.com by Monday, Nov. 15. Hope to see you there!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for ...

- ... the time spent in Poland with church leaders, pastors, and ministry partners.
- ... Melania Kosewska, Basia and Adam's new baby, born on September 6th.
- ... Justyna Osik's successful surgery. Prayers still needed as she recovers.
- ... the healing of several of our Polish partners who were sick with Covid-19.
- ... all of our U.S. supporting churches and individuals

Please pray for ...

- ... the seed of the Gospel to grow in the hearts of those who have ears to hear.
- ... the Polish pastors and ministry leaders to have the faith and endurance to minister during these uncertain times.
- ... some of our Polish ministry partners who are still dealing with long-term effects from Covid-19.
- ... wisdom for church leaders as many are needing to make significant decisions that will greatly impact future ministry.
- ... the churches in Lidzbark Welski and Radom as they are in need of pastors.
- ... Dave and Sandy's travel schedule:
- October 1-3: Kolobrzeg: Thanksgiving Service/100 Yr Celebration
- October 6: Return flight to US from Warsaw, Poland
- October 10: Warren Church of Christ, Warren, IN
- October 17: East Sparta Christian Church, East Sparta, Ohio
- October 26: Lighthouse Christian Church, Oceanside, CA
- November 14: New Found Church of Christ, Glen Allen, VA
- November 17: PCM Dinner & Update, Fairmount Christian Church, Mechanicsville, VA
- November 18: PCM Board of Directors fall meeting, Fairmount CC
- November 18-21: ICOM, Richmond, VA
- November 21: Fairmount Christian Church, Mechanicsville, VA

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