

# Serving the people of Poland since 1954 Polish Christian Ministries July 2022

I passed on to you what I received, of which this was offirst importance [the Gospel]: that Christ died for our sins, as the Scriptures say; that He was buried and was raised to life on the third day as the Scriptures say; and that he was seen by Peter...the twelve apostles...by more than five hundred of the believers at the same time. (I Corinthians 15:3-6)

### **NEW LIFE**



It's been more than four months since the Russian invasion began. Even though the number of refugees crossing into Poland has decreased, there are still hundreds coming to our distribution centers on a regular basis for food and essential supplies. It is hard to know how long the crisis will last, but PCM plans to continue providing funds as long as the needs exist. In the midst of all the suffering and loss, the Gospel is going forth and we are seeing lives changed. This month, we rejoice that 30 people were baptized in three of our churches in Lublin, Ostróda, and Warsaw "Puławska." May we persevere in making Jesus known so that many more will find new life in His name.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS



What a month it's been! Our Poland summer initiatives continued strong with both sessions #2 and #3 as we helped our Polish partners reach out to the Ukrainian refugees. PCM volunteers arrived from several states - Alaska, California, Illinois, Indiana, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Connecticut, Maine - and quickly joined forces to accomplish the work before them. Although the majority of our Polish churches are serving Ukrainians, we focused primarily this month on Warsaw West, Warsaw South, and Ostróda Camp. Seated at the table above is the final group of volunteers the day before their departure. We are grateful for each volunteer who came to Poland and lived out the Gospel so well. [See our Facebook page (Polish Christian Ministries) for many more pictures and stories.]

### **WARSAW "WEST"**



The work at Warsaw "West" took place at three sites: the distribution center, the church

reception area, and the hostel in Ozarow Mazowiecki (west of Warsaw). Workers stocked shelves and made sure supplies were available for distribution. A few volunteers joined the Ukrainian women at the reception table for tea and coffee, listening to their stories and praying comfort over them. A third team of brave men disassembled and assembled bunk beds, transported mattresses and furniture, built cabinets and a playground, and helped set up a hostel for nearly 200 Ukrainians. It was hard work but so rewarding. We are thankful for Pastor Adam Duliński and the leadership he provided in our efforts.

### **WARSAW "SOUTH"**



Warsaw "South" maintains a large warehouse filled with goods as well as a distribution center where Ukrainians refugees can come to get supplies. Our teams did a variety of work, including scooping buckwheat, pasta, and other foods from large bags into smaller portions for distribution. One volunteer was a pediatrician so her services were available for three hours per day. "South" also provides Polish language classes and a playground area for the children. The BBQ our team helped serve was a big hit. It was a special time serving alongside Pastor Marek Sobotka and the team at Warsaw "South."

**OSTRODA CAMP** 



During sessions 2 and 3 at Ostroda Camp, the Ukrainians had moved into the portable housing units. Teams helped build furniture and finish setting things up. A gazebo by the lake was built. Tents were erected. Knitting classes and pickle ball lessons were given. 400 boxes of clothing were packed, loaded, and shipped to Ukraine. Amongst all the work done, lots of love was shown to the Ukrainian women and children. We are thankful for Bartek Zdanowicz and all those serving non-stop at Ostroda Camp for the glory of God.

### **CSM WORSHIP CONFERENCE**



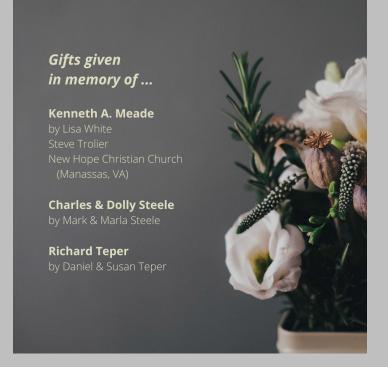
CSM (Christian School of Music) hosted its first nationwide worship conference this month. Worship leaders and their teams traveled from all over Poland for this day of teaching and inspiration. Many of these leaders came feeling weary from the demands of the pandemic and now the war in Ukraine. It was a wonderful time to not only receive practical training for ministry, but to join with hundreds of others in lifting our voices to God and finding refreshment in His presence. We thank God for Adam Kosewski (CSM Director) and his team who continue to dream big dreams for God in the nation of Poland.

### **POLISH CHURCHES**



PCM had the opportunity to worship and meet with several of our Polish churches this month. Chris Santasiere preached in Dzialdowo and also led a team from the Fairmount Christian Church to serve in Lublin. Denny Towles and Doyle Warren worshiped and shared the Word with the church in Wyszków. Connie Davis and Marc Zboch and his family from the Tomoka Christian Church met with Daniel Masarczyk in Sosnowiec. Our teams also worshiped with Warsaw North, South, and West, and our PCM Board members met with church leadership. David Hatfield had the opportunity to preach at Warsaw South and West, and also joined the National Council as they planned how to meet the needs of Ukrainians in the months to come. How we love our Polish ministry partners. It is such an honor to share even a small part in their ministries.

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### **PLEASE GIVE**

# Give to help Ukrainian refugees! www.pemusa.org Click on "Ways to Give" Designate "Ukrainian refugees" All donations go directly to refugee relief

Thank you to everyone who has given toward the Ukrainian refugee relief fund. By the end of June, we have sent \$850,937 to Ostroda Camp and 25 of our Polish churches who are assisting refugees. Although the situation is always changing, the needs continue. We appreciate every donation given. May God continue to multiply our efforts to His glory.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

### Praise God for ...

- ... the 30 baptisms in Ostroda, Lublin, and the Pulawska church in June.
- ...the numerous transports which have been sent to Ukraine with food and military medical supplies. Our volunteers brought at least 22 large suitcases full of supplies to be sent.
- ... the Polish churches and Ostroda Camp who are caring so well for those in need.
- ... the overwhelming response we have received in response to the refugee relief fund.
- ... the session #2 and #3 teams who served with such joy and energy.
- ... all of our U.S. supporters who give so the work in Poland can continue.

## Please pray for ... ... God to intervene to bring an end to the war in Ukraine. ... the 12 Ukrainians who have just come from Mariupol to Bielsk Podlaski. ... protection for the people of Ukraine as they defend their nation. ... comfort for the many refugees, several of whom are separated from family members. ... wisdom, perseverance and strength for our Polish partners as they continue to care for Ukrainian refugees. ... the classroom at Pulawska being renovated to be a kindergarten for Ukrainian children. ... Henryk Wasilewski, the pastor in Bialogard, who is awaiting heart surgery. ... the ongoing church building projects in Poland. ... Dave & Sandy Hatfield as they return to the States on July 6. If your church is interested in having PCM connect with your congregation in person or via Zoom, please contact David at <a href="mailto:dave.hatfield777@gmail.com">dave.hatfield777@gmail.com</a> or call him at 810-923-0226. Donate f) 💆