

Serving the people of Poland since 1954 Polish Christian Ministries December 2022

"She will bear a son, and he will be called Immanuel" ... God is with us. (Isaiah 7:14)

HOW MUCH LONGER



The Russian aggression in Ukraine has lasted more than nine months. We continue to ask, "How much longer?" How much longer will the destruction and suffering continue? And now in Poland we are asking: How much longer will housing be available? How much longer will the food last? Already, we've had to turn away families because the shelves were emptied. Still, our Polish partners continue doing what they can. The distribution center at Warsaw West is still helping 700 families each week. Warsaw South is providing hot meals for 120 people five days a week. Many of our churches are still housing refugees in their building. Transports continue into Ukraine to help those affected by the ongoing Russian attacks and weakened infrastructure.

We are so thankful for God's provision through supporters like you.

Please consider making another gift to help provide care for the Ukrainian refugees.

Needs per month at today's prices are as follows:

1) Distribution centers: \$30,000 for food

2) Ostroda Camp & Ozarow hostel: \$40,000 for food and utilities

3) Transports to Ukraine from various Polish cities: \$30,000 to send 30 tons of food

UPDATE FROM WARSAW SOUTH

Check out this video (English subtitles) with an update from Marek Sobotka and the Christian Fellowship "South" in Warsaw. PCM is sending funds twice a month to help support this vital work. We thank God for their tireless service to those in need.



FINDING REFUGE



Several of the Polish churches are housing refugees in their church buildings or in the homes of church members. The families pictured above are staying at the church in Bielsk Podlaski. Besides funds needed for food, additional help is needed to pay for increased utility bills and maintenance costs. The price for heating has skyrocketed. A ton of coal costs 4 times the amount it cost just one year ago (i.e., from 650PLN to 2583PLN). PCM is committed to helping the Polish churches meet these challenges as they seek to be places of refuge for these families.

TRANSPORTS TO UKRAINE



The churches in Sosnowiec and Katowice recently worked together to organize a transport of much-needed supplies to Ukraine. Their focus is to send supplies to churches in Ukraine who can then distribute them to those in need as a means of spreading the Gospel. Many of the other Polish churches are organizing similar transports into Ukraine.

UKRAINIAN CHAPLAINS CONFERENCE



Several Ukrainian chaplains gathered this week at Warsaw West for a two-day conference. The service they render to the people in Ukraine is invaluable. Please join us in praying that God will protect them and give them the necessary strength, wisdom, and compassion to minister to those who are in such dire need.



It was great gathering with thousands of mission-minded believers at the International Conference on Missions in Columbus, Ohio. It is always wonderful to be reunited with some of our Polish partners and to interact with many attendees who have a heart for ministry in Poland. We are thankful to have visited with several of you who support PCM.

Thanks for partnering with us!

A HOLIDAY VISIT



Aleksandra (Ola) Dziedzic is a first-year student at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL. Ola is from Ostroda, Poland, and has been raised up as one of the young leaders in the church there. It's been her dream to study at Moody as she pursues a degree in youth ministry and we are thankful to have played a small part in making that dream come true. Ola spent the Thanksgiving holiday with us and we are glad to report how well she is doing in school. We thank God for young leaders like Ola.



It was so good to worship with the Grove Church of Christ in Gambier, Ohio. This church has been faithful supporters of Kostek and Maria Jakoniuk in Bielsk Podlaski for many years. We are thankful for their continued prayers and support for the churches of Poland.



Prior to ICOM, the PCM Board of Directors met at the Fairfield Christian Church in Lancaster, Ohio. We thank God for the men and women on the Board who serve so faithfully. It was also wonderful to meet with the mission team of the church. A big THANK YOU to the Fairfield CC for hosting us and for their continued support and prayers.



In mid-November, we visited for the first time with David Behlman and the Sugar Grove Church of Christ in Soldier's Grove, WI. We are thankful for this church which has just recently starting sending funds to assist in the Ukrainian refugee relief efforts.

2023 POLAND BOUND

	Poland	Bound 2023	
Date	Focus	City	Cost (does NOT include airfare)
Feb 1-13	North Central Tour of Churches	9 Polish cities	\$700 (pastors & leaders welcome)
Feb 15-27	South Tour of Churches	9 Polish cities	\$700 (pastors & leaders welcome)
May 12-24	Teaching English	Etock	\$850 (Messiah University students)
May 19-28	Cabin Wall Repairs	Ostroda Camp	\$700 (Bob Sylvester)
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May 26- June 4	Equipping & Training Leaders	Katowice	\$700 (Mt. Gilead C/C, Indiana)
June 2-11	Cabin #1 Build Bathroom	Ostroda Camp	\$700 (Andrzej Kocytkowski)
June 2-11	Community Service	Warsaw West	\$700 (Tomoka CC, Florida)
June 23-July 5	Children's Day Camp	Sosnowiec	\$700 (White River CC, Indiana)
June 23-July 5	Children's Day Camps	Sandomierz	\$700 (White River CC, Indiana)
June 23-July 2	Community Service/Outreach	Lublin	(Fairmount CC, Virginia)

Several short-term trips to Poland are being planned for 2023. Please prayerfully consider serving with us in Poland. We especially encourage pastors and church leaders to join us on one of the February trips. For more information, please see our website (www.pcmusa.org) or contact Dave Hatfield.

"3 FOR 3 IN 3"



Our initial goal of raising \$300,000 over three years (2020-2022) for church buildings/renovations, the school of music, and scholarships was realized but the needs were still great. Thus, we extended our goal to \$400,000 by the end of 2022. We rejoice to report that to date we have received **\$422,124.81**. Thank you to all those who have given. Of course, funds are still needed for buildings and scholarships, so we will continue to dream big for Poland.

PLEASE GIVE

Give to help Ukrainian refugees!

www.pcmusa.org Click on "Ways to Give" Designate "Ukrainian refugees"

All donations go directly to refugee relief

PCM is seeking to provide \$100,000 per month for the first three months of 2023 for Ukrainian refugee relief in Poland and in Ukraine through our Polish churches.

- 1) Distribution centers in Poland \$30,000 for food
- 2) Ostroda Camp, Polish churches, and other housing \$40,000 for food and utilities
- 3) Transports to Ukraine from various Polish cities: \$30,000 to send 30 tons of food

We appreciate every donation given.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for ...

- ... the successful kidney stone surgery for Paul Howey, PCM Board member
- ...ICOM this year in Columbus, OH, as Tony Twist, ICOM president, led us in the theme of prayer and fasting.
- ... the completion of the church roof at Biala Podlaska (window installation is next).
- ... the many connections made at ICOM with partners in missions both new and old.
- ... the Polish churches and Ostroda Camp as they continue to care for Ukrainian refugees.
- ... the encouraging Ukrainian chaplain's conference held at Warsaw West.

Please pray for ...

-a favorable response to the appeal letter sent out this past month requesting additional aid for Ukrainian refugees in need of food and shelter in Poland this coming winter.
- .. Warsaw West as they finish a six week Trauma Care program for Ukrainian kids (the six Saturdays before Christmas).
- ... the distribution centers in Poland to be fully funded to provide adequate food for Ukrainian refugees who are still in the city of Warsaw and all over Poland.
- ... an end to the war in Ukraine.
- ... our friends in Ukraine who are without power (heat, lights, internet) as Russia continues to destroy the power plants and infrastructure of their towns and cities.
- ... wisdom, perseverance and strength for our Polish partners as they serve Ukrainian refugees and transport supplies into Ukraine.
- ... Fryderyk Domaradzki, the pastor in Lodz, as he undergoes medical testing.
- ... the Biala Podlaska church as they install "new windows" in their new sanctuary.
- ... the church in Wyszkow as they must find a new meeting place.
- ... our Polish ministry partners who are facing exorbitant prices for coal and heating as the winter approaches.

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.





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