

# Serving the people of Poland since 1954 Polish Christian Ministries June 2023

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

#### **MESSIAH UNIVERSITY TEAM**



Our first team to arrive for the spring/summer season was a group from Messiah University (Mechanicsburg, PA). This 10-member team traveled to the city of Plock to teach English in the public high schools as a means of building bridges between the local church and the community. We are so thankful for Piotr Syska, Tomasz Zgorzelski, and all the congregation who hosted us and provided such a wonderful experience. We pray the seeds of the Gospel that were planted will bear fruit in the weeks and months to come.

# **ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE**



The annual conference for the Churches of Christ in Poland was held this year at the "North" church in Warsaw. This is a significant meeting as pastors and church leaders from across the nation gather to be encouraged and to address current issues relevant to the church. Many of the attendees commented that this year's conference was one of the best. We were glad that two of our summer volunteer leaders could attend and be introduced to several of the pastors. May God bless the churches of Poland.

# **TEAM FROM TORONTO**



Last summer a 5-member team from the Pilgrim Community Church in Toronto, Canada,

came to serve at Ostroda Camp. This year the team returned and doubled their number. They did several work projects in preparation for the summer camp season, as well as spending time with the young Ukrainian refugees still living at the camp. We are thankful for Taemin Oh and the entire team who served with such willing and humble hearts.

# **HOWARD AND BOB**



With so many teams arriving and serving in various locations, we are thankful for these two men, Howard Pittsley and Robert Sylvester. They are helping us in so many ways - making sure teams are picked up at the airport, settled into their work assignments, and later delivered to the airport. The work they are accomplishing at Ostroda Camp and their oversight of teams is invaluable. We so appreciate the smiles on their faces and the love they show to all. Thank you, gentlemen!

**BROWNSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH** 



In early May we had the opportunity to share a PCM update with the staff and mission team of the Brownstown Christian Church (Brownstown, IN) - a faithful supporter of Ostroda Camp. The minister from the First Christian Church in Scottsburg, IN, also joined us. Both of these churches gave special donations to help the camp provide Ukrainian refugee relief. A few of the ladies created a beautiful quilt, and it was our honor to present the quilt to camp director, Bartek Zdanowicz. We thank God for these Indiana churches and pray a blessing on them as they shine the light of the Gospel both locally and abroad.

### REFUGEE RELIEF



In May, PCM sent \$81,000 to Poland for the purpose of Ukrainian refugee relief:

1) Distribution centers in Poland - \$22,000 for food

2) Ostroda Camp, Polish churches, and other housing - \$35,000 for food and utilities

3) Transports to Ukraine from various Polish cities - \$24,000

## SUPPORTING CHURCHES

PCM wants to say **THANK YOU** to all of the churches who gave in 2022 to support our efforts in the nation of Poland. The gospel was proclaimed and many Poles and Ukrainians have come to faith in Jesus. The top 70 giving churches were listed in the previous two newsletters. Below are the next 35 with more churches to come next month.

Christ's Hope Ministries and Church, Ft. Wayne, IN Council Grove Christian Church, Council Grove, KS Voluntown Church, Voluntown, CT Hillside Christian Church, Marshfield, MO Oakland Drive Church of Christ, Portage, MI

Vansant Church of Christ, Vansant, VA First Christian Church, Alliance, OH Martinsville Christian Church, Martinsville, OH First Church of Christ, Washington, NC Converse Church of Christ, Converse, IN

Zeandale Community Church, Manhattan, KS Christian Church of Holiday, New Port Richey, FL Ocala Christian Church, Ocala, FL Blanchester Church of Christ, Blanchester, OH First Christian Church, Carmi, IL

Go Ye Council, Hartford, KY South Fork Church of Christ, Rochester, IL Mt. Washington Church of Christ, Hillsboro OH Kingsville Church, Kingsville, MD New Testament Christian Church, Roanoke Rapids, NC

Sugar Grove Church of Christ, Soldier Grove, WI Snellville Christian Church, Snellville, GA Western Hills Christian Church, Tranquility, NJ Joppatowne Christian Church, Joppa, MD Grace Bible Church, Georgetown, TX

Liberty Christian Church, Martinsville, IN First Christian Church, Dadesville, MO Cornerstone Christian Church, Springfield, KY Christian Church of East Sparta, East Sparta, OH Auburn Christian Church, Auburn, IL

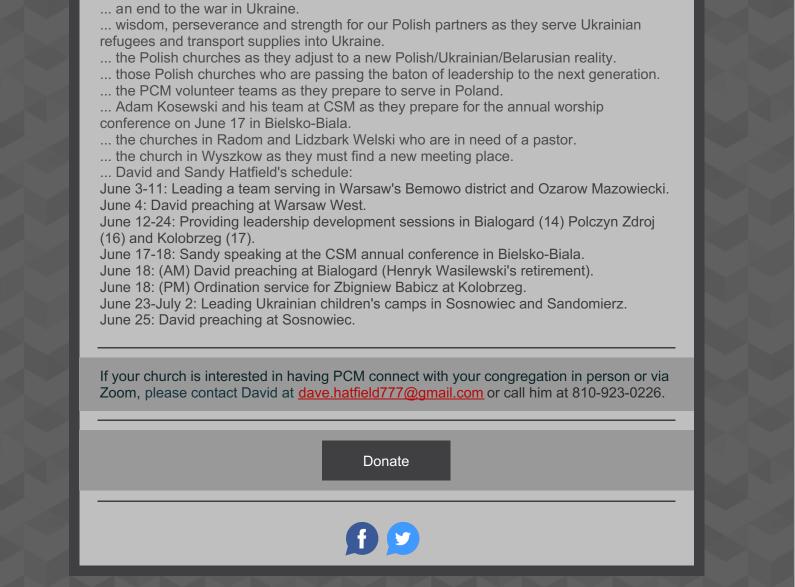
Winder Christian Church, Winder, GA Oxford Church of Christ, Oxford, IN Michigantown Christian Church, Michigantown, IN Warren Church of Christ, Warren, IN City Life Lansing, Lansing, MI

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Praise God for ...

- ... the 294 baptisms in the 48 Christian Fellowship churches in 2022.
- ... the timely and relevant annual church conference in Warsaw.
- ... the successful initiatives in Plock and Ostroda Camp with our first two volunteer teams.
- ... the PCM volunteers coming to serve in Poland in June/July 2023.
- ... the Polish churches and Ostroda Camp as they continue to care for Ukrainian refugees.
- ... the ongoing transport of goods into Ukraine.
- ... the generous response from supporters to enable the work in Poland to continue.

#### Please pray for ...



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