



Serving the people of Poland since 1954
Polish Christian Ministries August 2023

My flesh & my heart may fail but GOD is the Strength of my heart & my Portion forever. For me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my Refuge, that I may tell of all His works.
Psalm 73:26, 28

PCM SUMMER 2023



Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving as we reflect on the past few months in Poland. A total of 73 PCM volunteers from the U.S. and Canada came to Poland to serve in nine different initiatives. From teaching English to building bathrooms, from leading VBS to packing LifeBoxes to send to Ukraine - each team served wholeheartedly as unto the Lord. We thank God for our Polish ministry partners who welcomed these teams and made so many advanced preparations. Lives have been changed, relationships established, and the name of Jesus lifted high. All glory to God!

WHITE RIVER IN SOSNOWIEC



A team of ten volunteers from the White River Christian Church in Noblesville, IN, arrived in Poland in late June. Half of the team came alongside Daniel Masarczyk and the church in Sosnowiec in leading a camp for Polish and Ukrainian children. The theme was "Around the World" and each day the children "traveled" to a different country. It was a great week filled with fun and creativity. A big THANK YOU to each volunteer who shared the love of Jesus with such energy and passion. We pray for lasting fruit in each young life.

WHITE RIVER IN SANDOMIERZ



The second half of the White River team traveled further east to serve alongside Adam Byra and the church in Sandomierz. What a great week we experienced serving in two locations. In the morning we led a VBS with Ukrainian refugee children at the church (teaching, singing, playing games, making crafts), only to repeat this in the afternoon at a countryside "palace" with several more Ukrainian children. We grew to love these kids and pray the seeds planted and the hope shared will take root deep in their hearts. May God produce a harvest in the weeks and months to come.

FAIRMOUNT IN LUBLIN



The Fairmount Christian Church in Mechanicsville, VA, is a Living Link with the church in Lublin and has sent teams to Poland several times. This summer, Chris Santasiere, one of the pastors at Fairmount and a member of PCM's Board of Directors, led a team to come alongside Marek and Zofia Charis. This team helped prepare 100 LifeBoxes with goods to send to Ukraine, participated in a children's day for Ukrainian youth, and so much more. We thank God for Chris and Holly Santasiere and all their team who came to bring hope and encouragement to both Poles and Ukrainians.

SPECIAL GIFTS

Gifts given in memory of ...

Jacobine Engle

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Doris Odor

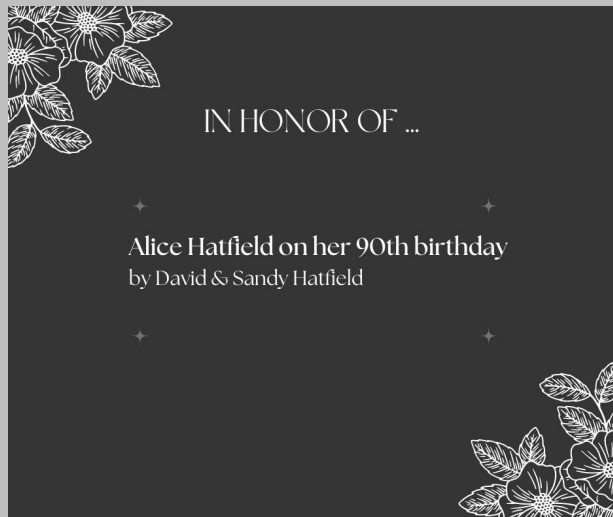
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THANK YOU, DORIS

Besides a number of churches across the U.S., there are many individuals who faithfully support the ministry of PCM. One such lady was Doris Odor (Mason, OH). Her husband, Ivan, served on PCM's Board of Directors. He was a preacher and together he and Doris served in churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan. After Ivan passed away in 2009, Doris continued to encourage others through cards and letters. She faithfully read each of PCM's newsletters, prayed for us and sent donations along with a note of encouragement. We were saddened to receive word that Doris, age 95, went home to be with the Lord on July 17, 2023. We thank God for Doris and the beautiful testimony of her life. She, and many like her, have truly been a blessing to our ministry.



REFUGEE RELIEF

**Give to help Ukrainian
refugees!**

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

**All donations go directly to
refugee relief**

In July, PCM sent \$30,000 to Poland for the purpose of Ukrainian refugee relief:

- 1) Distribution centers in Poland - \$8,000 for food
 - 2) Ostroda Camp, Polish churches, and other housing - \$13,000 for food and utilities
 - 3) Transports to Ukraine from various Polish cities - \$9,000
- PCM will continue to send funds to our Polish churches to help them provide for the basic needs of Ukrainian refugees as long as this need exists and funds are available.

Many Ukrainians living in Poland still need help to make ends meet. E.g., this Ukrainian family appreciated the help provided them by Pastor Jarek Sciwiarski: a new refrigerator, funds for basic needs, and the opportunity for the kids to go on a summer excursion.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for ...

- ... the successful initiatives in Lublin, Sandomierz, and Sosnowiec with US teams from Fairmount Christian (Mechanicsville, VA) and White River Christian (Noblesville, IN).
- ... the successful youth and family camps at Ostroda Camp this past month.
- ... 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 ...

- ... an end to the war in Ukraine.
- ... those Polish churches who are passing the baton of leadership to the next generation.
- ... wisdom, perseverance and strength for our Polish partners as they serve Ukrainian refugees and transport supplies into Ukraine.
- ... the Polish churches as they adjust to a new Polish/Ukrainian/Belarusian reality.
- ... the churches in Radom and Lidzbark Welski who are in need of a pastor.
- ... the family of Doris Odor as they grieve the loss of their loved one.
- ... David and Sandy Hatfield's travel schedule:
August 19-20: Jefferson Street Christian, Lincoln, IL

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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