



Serving the people of Poland since 1954
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For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon You, for You answer me. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name. For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God. (Psalms 86: 5-7, 9-10)

VARIOUS FORMS OF ASSISTANCE

It's been more than eighteen months since Russia's invasion into Ukraine, yet the Polish churches continue to provide assistance for displaced Ukrainians. As the situation is ever-changing, the forms of assistance have also changed to meet the needs. It is estimated that more than a million Ukrainian refugees are still living in Poland. We are thankful for our Polish ministry partners who are helping meet the needs of those in Poland as well as those struggling in Ukraine. These pictures represent only a few of the many services our churches are providing.



Adam Byra and the church in Sandomierz hosted a summer camp for Ukrainian mothers and children, including 27 Ukrainian refugees from Sandomierz and 14 Ukrainians from Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine.



Adam Dulinski and the Christian Fellowship "West" in Warsaw offer ongoing education courses, Polish language classes, support groups for women, art instruction, and Bible classes for Ukrainian youth and adults.



Marek Charis and the church in Lublin organize transports, including this delivery of food and sweets to a camp in Ukraine for the children of Ukrainian soldiers.

JEFFERSON STREET



Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln, IL, has supported the nation of Poland and its Christian churches since 2007. It was great to worship with them, meet some of the staff, and share how God is at work in Poland. A big THANK YOU to Bo and Alice Morris who lead the Missions Team and to all the congregation who welcomed us so warmly.

COLLEGE PARK



College Park Christian Church, Normal, IL, has supported our ministry in the nation of Poland since 2007. Over lunch we had the opportunity to update them on the work of PCM and the situation in Poland and Ukraine. Their concern, prayers, and financial support are invaluable to us. We are thankful for Brent Salm and the College Park leaders who have a passion to make Jesus known to the ends of the earth.

SOPHOMORE AT MOODY



Aleksandra (Ola) Dziedzic from Ostroda, Poland, is beginning her sophomore year at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL. We are proud of her as a student and thankful for her dedication to God in every aspect of her life. We pray for another successful year as she allows God to teach her and direct her steps.

SPECIAL GIFTS



QUALIFIED CHARITABLE IRA GIFTS

Beginning this year, individuals with IRAs must begin taking the required minimum distribution at age 73. However, the rules regarding Qualified Charitable Distributions are NOT changing. Individuals can still make QCDs from their IRA of up to \$100,000 per year

beginning at age 70 1/2.

Thus, if you are age 70 1/2 or older and have an IRA but are making charitable gifts from your bank account, you are missing a very important tax break. A gift to PCM made directly from your IRA is considered a QCD and does not require the recognition of income by you. Furthermore, if you are 73 or older, a gift to PCM made directly from your IRA counts toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

Giving from your IRA provides an opportunity both to further the work of PCM and save on income taxes. Consider taking advantage of IRA charitable giving to support the work of PCM. To do so, please consult your tax advisor or your IRA administrator.

REFUGEE RELIEF



In August, PCM sent \$21,000 to Poland for the purpose of Ukrainian refugee relief:

- 1) Distribution centers in Poland - \$7,000 for food
- 2) Ostroda Camp, Polish churches, and other housing - \$9,000 for food and utilities
- 3) Transports to Ukraine from various Polish cities - \$5,000

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for ...

- ... lives being impacted by the Gospel throughout Poland.
- ... the Polish churches as they continue to care for Ukrainian refugees.
- ... the ongoing transport of goods into Ukraine.
- ... the completion of the insulation project at the church in Ciechanow.
- ... the generous response from supporters to enable the work in Poland to continue.

Please pray for ...

- ... an end to the war in Ukraine.
- ... the short-term team from Mt. Gilead Church, Mooresville, IN, who will be traveling to Katowice, Poland, this month to cond Leadership Development sessions at the church where Mirek Koziel is Lead Pastor.
- ... the short term team from Grace Church, Camby, IN, who will be traveling to Ostroda, Poland, to assist Bartek Zdanowicz, Ostroda Camp Director, in a building project.
- ... 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.

... David and Sandy Hatfield's travel schedule:
September 17: Mt. Gilead Church, Mooresville, IN
September 24: North Liberty Church of Christ, North Liberty, IN
October 15: Liberty Christian Church, Martinsville, IN
October 22: Rockville Christian Church, Rockville, IN

If your church is interested in having PCM connect with your congregation in person or via live stream or Zoom, please contact David at dave.hatfield777@gmail.com or call him at 810-923-0226.

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