

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

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matt. 28:19-20



# **GREETINGS FROM POLAND**

We thank God for a safe arrival in Poland. As per tradition in Poland (and to our delight), the holiday lights and decorations remain throughout the month of January. For the next five weeks we will be traveling to twenty cities to meet with church leaders and ministry partners. We look forward to all God will do among us as we pray together, strategize for the future, and seek to encourage one another with the compassion of the Spirit.

### AT THE TABLE

Special moments often take place around the table and already in Poland we have experienced them. It was good to share a meal with Nate Berry, the pastor in Wilanow, and with John and Ruth Chestnut, who now serve with IDES. At the table we not only discuss important ministry-related issues, but also go deeper in our personal relationships with each other. We look forward to the many upcoming meetings "at the table" over the next few weeks as we gather with pastors and church leaders.





#### WARSAW WEST

It was wonderful to worship with Christian Fellowship West in the Bemowo district of Warsaw last Sunday. This church has responded in big ways to assist the Ukrainian refugees. The church has become a mix of both Poles and Ukrainians, including Pastor Leonid from Berdyansk, Ukraine, who is assisting Adam and leading a Bible class in Ukrainian. We pray many blessings over Adam and Klaudia Dulinski and the entire congregation as they continue to make Jesus known in their community and beyond.



#### OSTRODA DAY CAMP

Last week a day camp was organized for the Ukrainian children residing at Ostroda Camp. Each day from 10am-5pm teaching and activities were planned to bring joy to the kids and to help them work through the recent trauma they have experienced. We are thankful for the leadership team who made this week possible.

### **BRIGHTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Brighton Christian Church (Brighton, MI) has supported ministry in Poland for 40+ years. We were so glad to worship with them the last Sunday before we departed for Poland. Their friendship, prayers, words of encouragement, and financial support are a continual blessing. We pray God's direction and blessing over this faithful congregation.



Date	Focus	City
May 12-24	Teaching English	Płock
*May 19-28	Cabin Wall Repairs	Ostroda Camp
May 26-June 4	Cabin Wall Repairs	Ostroda Camp
May 26-June 5	Equipping & Training Leaders	Katowice
June 2-11	Cabin #1 Bathroom Build	Ostroda Camp
June 2-11	Community Service	West
June 12-22	Northwest Tour of Churches	5 Churches
June 23-July 5	Children's Day Camp	Sosnowiec
June 23-July 5	Children's Day Camps	Sandomierz
June 23-July 2	Community Service/Outreach	Lublin

### 2023 POLAND BOUND

Several short-term trips to Poland are being planned for the spring/summer of 2023. We are excited to announce all the trips are full except for the week at Ostroda Camp May 19-28. Applications are due by March 1, 2023. Send an email to <a href="mailto:pcm@pcmusa.org">pcm@pcmusa.org</a> to request an application. For more information, please see our website or contact Dave Hatfield.



#### REFUGEE RELIEF

In January, PCM was able to send \$82,800 to Poland for Ukrainian refugee relief.

- 1) Distribution centers in Poland \$30,000 for food
- 2) Ostroda Camp, Polish churches, and other housing \$26,600 for food and utilities
- 3) Transports to Ukraine from various Polish cities \$24,200

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Praise God for ...

- ... the generous response from supporters to provide additional aid for Ukrainian refugees.
- ... the Polish churches and Ostróda Camp as they continue to care for Ukrainian refugees.
- ... the week-long camp organized for the children at Ostroda Camp last week.

## Please pray for ...

- ... an end to the war in Ukraine.
- ... God's protection as Russia threatens further attacks in the near future.
- ... wisdom, perseverance, and strength for our Polish partners as they serve Ukrainian refugees and transport supplies into Ukraine.
- ... the three U.S. pastors traveling to Poland for the upcoming church tours: Tom Anders, Warren Whitaker, and Tom Scott.
- ... Doyle Warren, pastor whose return to Poland this week was delayed since he tested positive for Covid. Please pray for a full and speedy recovery for Doyle.
- ... Lukasz Osik and the church in Wyszków as they must find a new meeting place.
- ... our Polish ministry partners who are facing exorbitant prices for coal and heating.
- ... Dave and Sandy Hatfield as they travel with U.S. pastors throughout Poland:

Feb. 3/4: Gdynia Feb. 4/5: Ostroda Feb. 5: Olsztyn Feb. 6: Lidzbark Warminski Feb. 6/7: Ostroda Camp Feb. 7: Warsaw West Feb. 8: Warsaw South Feb. 9: Bielsk Podlaski Feb. 10: Siemiatycze (AM) Feb. 10/11: Biala Podlaska Feb. 11/12: CSM – Bielsko-Biala (Sandy)

Feb. 12: Warsaw Wilanow

Feb. 17: Lodz Victory (AM) Lodz (PM)

Feb. 18: CSM – Warsaw (Sandy)

Feb. 18/19: Katowice/Dabrowa Gornicza

Feb. 19/20: Sosnowiec/Rzeszow

Feb. 21: Rzeszow/Przemysl

Feb. 22/23: Sandomierz

Feb. 23/24: Lublin

Feb. 24-26: Garwolin; Radom

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