



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

*Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand. Prov. 19:21*



### URSYNÓW RENOVATIONS

The church in the Ursynów district of Warsaw completed their renovations in May and completely paid off the costs of the renovation by the end of September. Szymon Pietrzak is the lead pastor of this satellite campus of the Puławska church. It is exciting to see this church grow and prosper as they reach out to their community in the name of Jesus.

### CSM SCHOLARSHIPS

The primary focus of CSM (school of music/worship) is to inspire and equip worship leaders in the local churches of Poland. The new 2023-24 school year is launching this month and currently there are 116 students enrolled. PCM contributes to a scholarship fund for those students who need assistance in paying tuition. If you have a heart for worship and a desire to bless the churches of Poland, please consider giving a one-time gift to help provide students with this valuable training.



### “SAVE A LIFE” IN GDYNIA

Earlier this year while in Gdynia, we met a group of young mothers and expectant women who had fled Ukraine while pregnant. Thanks to the amazing services of “Save a Life International,” these women and their babies were provided wonderful care. The ministry continues and we are thankful for our friend, Maria, from the Church of Christ in Gdynia, who volunteers and keeps us updated on the work. It’s exciting to see those women whom we met while expecting now holding their healthy babies. PCM is thankful to partner with this vital organization as they assist women and children in need.

## CAMBY TO OSTRÓDA

The Grace Church in Camby, IN, just sent a team to Ostróda Camp to assist in building a pole barn. They came alongside camp director, Bartek Zdanowicz, and Bob Sylvester (who helped make team arrangements), as well as Pavlo, Andrii, and other Ukrainian friends who worked on the project. Each day was filled with work and laughter as servants from three nations came together to accomplish a common goal. A big THANK YOU to Bob Sylvester and the Camby team for coming and serving so well.



## MT. GILEAD CHURCH

The Mt. Gilead Church in Mooresville, IN, is a fairly new supporter of PCM, having joined us in the spring of 2022. Already, they have made an impact with significant donations for the ministry of the Polish churches. Their first short-term team just arrived in Katowice, Poland, and they will be sharing in leadership training sessions with Pastor Mirek Koziel and other church leaders. We are so thankful for the Mt. Gilead Church and their desire to advance God's kingdom both locally and abroad.

## NORTH LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

The North Liberty Church of Christ is a Living Link with Zbigniew Chojnacki and the church in Ostróda, as well as with Adam Duliński and the Christian Fellowship "West" in Warsaw. We were encouraged to worship with them last weekend and we rejoiced as three young people were baptized into the faith. May God continue to bless this congregation as they proclaim the Gospel in their own community and partner with us on behalf of the churches in Poland.



## ICOM 2023

This year the International Conference on Missions (ICOM) will be held in Oklahoma City. We are looking forward to joining with mission organizations from across the globe as together we are refreshed in God's presence and find encouragement to continue the work. Our special guest will

be Bartek Zdanowicz, the Director of Ostróda Camp. We hope you can join us in welcoming him to the States. We will be waiting to greet you at booths 1232 and 1234. See you in Oklahoma!



## **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 (QCDs) are NOT changing. Individuals can still make QCDs from their IRA of up to \$100,000 per year beginning at age 70 ½.

Thus, if you are age 70 ½ 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 September, PCM sent \$8,000 to Poland for the purpose of Ukrainian refugee relief:

- 1) Distribution centers in Poland - \$2,000 for food
- 2) Ostróda Camp, Polish churches, and other housing - \$4,500 for food and utilities
- 3) Transports to Ukraine from various Polish cities - \$1,500

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 completion of the pole barn at Ostróda Camp by the Camby, IN, team.  
... the new relationships being established between the Mt. Gilead Church and the Christian Fellowship in Katowice.  
... the Polish churches 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.  
... the nation of Poland as important parliamentary elections will be held on October 15.  
... the short-term team from Mt. Gilead Church, Mooresville, IN, who have just arrived in Katowice, Poland, to share in Leadership Development sessions with Mirek Koziel and other church leaders.  
... CSM (school of worship) as they begin a new school year of training worship leaders.  
... 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.  
... Dave and Sandy Hatfield's travel schedule:  
October 8: Oxford Church of Christ, Oxford, IN  
October 15: Liberty Christian Church, Martinsville, IN  
October 22: Rockville Christian Church, Rockville, IN  
October 29: (AM) White River Christian Church: Hamilton North campus, Arcadia, IN  
(PM) White River Christian Church: Main campus, Noblesville, IN

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