

Serving the people of Poland since 1954 Polish Christian Ministries December 2021

Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." (Rev. 21:5a)



HAPPY 2022

As we reflect on 2021, we realize it's been a difficult year for most. Both in the States and in Poland, many have suffered illness, loss of loved ones, economic hardship and more. Yet as we put our trust in our sovereign and compassionate Father, we take courage and look with hope to the future. He has proven His faithfulness in the past and we anticipate all the good things He will do in and through His church in 2022.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Several of the Polish churches reached out in the name of Jesus to bring hope to those in need during the holidays. They organized soup kitchens and church on the streets, delivered food baskets, provided gifts for children, and more. Pictured here is the church in Dabrowa Gornicza, providing a meal for the homeless. We praise God for such initiatives and pray many hearts were touched by the heart of the Father.





IN MEMORY

We always appreciate gifts given in memory of those we love. Through these donations their lives continue to make an impact on God's kingdom work. May their memory be a blessing.

WELCOME HOME

Pastor Marek Sobotka (Warsaw South) recently shared a sermon series entitled "Come Home for Christmas." God is always searching, longing, and waiting for us to come home. We rejoice with many in our Polish churches who have recently surrendered their lives to Christ and truly "come home." We pray for these to grow in their faith and many more to respond to the love of the Father in 2022.





MAKING THE MOVE

December 5 was the last service held by Warsaw West in their temporary meeting space. Following the service, everyone pitched in to move all the equipment upstairs to their new facility. Although not completely finished, they held their first service in their new space on December 12. The grand opening is scheduled for March 2022. They are still in need of \$60,000 to cover the unexpected cost increase of the renovation.

GLOBAL GATHERING

We invite you to come to Poland and encourage our Polish churches by your presence at the 20th Global Gathering in Warsaw, Poland. We have designed a special trip for June 13-27 which includes the Global Gathering as well as a 5-day initiative with one of fourteen Polish churches. The total cost is \$975 (not including airfare) and the deadline for applications is March 1, 2022. For more information see our website. We'd love to see you in Poland this summer!





\$311,237.82 GOD IS FAITHFUL

We have reached our goal! We are so amazed how God has provided these funds through people like you (23 U.S. churches and 107 individuals). These funds have helped build/renovate 17 Polish churches, of which 14 of the projects have been completed. The CSM (school of worship) building and property were purchased, the building

renovated, and furnishings and equipment secured. Scholarships for 54 young Polish leaders were also provided. Although the \$300,000 has been raised, the needs continue, especially in light of the soaring prices for building materials and labor. Thank you for partnering with us as we seek to provide resources for the Polish churches.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for ...

- ... the healing of several of our Polish partners who were sick with Covid-19.
- ... the Warsaw West church who met for the first time in their new shopping mall space.
- ... the new song "Odnowa" ("renewal") being premiered by CSM on January 1.
- ... the Biala Podlaska church who has raised the funds necessary to purchase the materials for the roof of their sanctuary. (They now need funds to cover the labor costs.) ... all of our U.S. supporting churches and individuals.

Please pray for ...

- ... fresh vision for the Polish pastors and ministry leaders as this new year begins.
- ... some of our Polish ministry partners who are still dealing with long-term effects from Covid-19, and many who are grieving the loss of family and church members.
- ... Jerzy Puszcz, pastor at Lidzbark Warminski, who just retired at the end of 2021.
- ... Marcin Lipski, the new pastor at Lidzbark Warminski.
- ... the churches in Lidzbark Welski and Radom as they are in need of pastors.
- ... Biala Podlaska as they seek to raise \$15,000 to put on the new roof.
- ... Warsaw West as they are in need of \$60,000 to finish their new facility.
- ... Plock as they need assistance in paying off a \$250,000 loan for their new building.
- ... Ciechanow as they seek to raise \$60,000 by Sept. 2022 to insulate their building.
- ... Dave and Sandy's travel schedule:

January 30: Church of Christ at Rome, Rome, Georgia

February 2: Compassion Christian Church, Savannah, Georgia

February 5/6: Kissimmee Christian Church, Kissimmee, Florida

February 7: Christ's Church, Jacksonville, Florida

February 9: Church of Christ at Holiday, New Port Richey, Florida

February 12/13: Central Christian Church, Ocala, Florida

February 16, 19/20: Tomoka Christian Church, Ormond Beach, Florida

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