



Serving the people of Poland since 1954  
**Polish Christian Ministries November 2023**

*"I will remove the sins of this land in a single day.... Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty. (Zechariah 3:9b, 4:6b)*

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## **BARTEK TO THE STATES**



Bartek Zdanowicz, the Ostroda Camp Director, is flying to the States this week and will be traveling with us to several churches and camps en route to ICOM in Oklahoma City. Bartek has been instrumental in developing the camp facilities and over the last year has hosted 200+ Ukrainian refugees. He is pictured here (on the left) with Robert Sylvester, who has overseen teams of workers at the camp and will also be traveling with Bartek for a portion of his visit. We are eager to welcome Bartek to the USA.

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## **WINDOWS FOR BIALA PODLASKA**



The next stage of the Biala Podlask building project has been completed as the glass windows have been installed. This will allow interior work to continue during the winter months. We're encouraged that the project is moving forward as they look to finish the education wing by 2025.

## MT. GILEAD TO POLAND



A team from the Mt. Gilead Church in Mooresville, IN, met with Mirek Koziel and the church in Katowice, Poland. They spent time developing new relationships, meeting with church leadership, visiting various historical sites, and exploring ways their two churches could serve one another. One of the team members wrote, "The people welcomed us with open arms and open hearts. They shared their homes, their hopes, and their stories.... It was an amazing experience, and we can't wait to go back!!" We praise God for this wonderful report and look forward to all God has in store for these two churches as they

## CARING FOR WIDOWS



Currently, PCM is providing financial support for five widows of Polish pastors. Recently, the church in Gryfice celebrated the 97th birthday of Ruth Zagrodnik, one of these widows. We honor Ruth and so many like her who have faithfully served alongside their husbands in ministry. May God bless each one.

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## OXFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST





The Oxford Church of Christ in Oxford, IN, has supported PCM for several decades. We were glad to share the Word of God during the worship service and then a PCM update during the Sunday School hour. We thank them for the warm welcome and for their prayers and support. It was a delight to be with these dear people.

## LIBERTY CHRISTIAN CHURCH



The Liberty Christian Church in Martinsville, IN, has been supporting PCM since the 1970's when Paul Bajko first visited there. We are thankful for a wonderful time visiting

with our hosts and a special time of sharing with the congregation. We pray God's blessing over them as they live out the Gospel in their city and beyond.

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## ROCKVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



The Rockville Christian Church in Rockville, IN, has been supporting PCM since the 1970's. This congregation is a Living Link with the church in Kolobrzeg, Poland. It was so good to share during the Sunday School hour and the morning worship service. We are thankful for Senior Minister Josh Captain and his emphasis on the Word and prayer. May God bless this congregation as they seek to make Jesus known.

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## WHITE RIVER CHRISTIAN CHURCH





It was such a great time sharing with the White River Christian Church in Noblesville, IN. We presented the work of PCM in each of three morning services at the Hamilton North campus, and then participated in the mission fest that evening at the main campus in Noblesville. This church sent a team to Poland this past summer and served in both Sosnowiec and Sandomierz. We pray blessing over this congregation as they reach out in the name of Jesus both locally and globally.



**ICOM 2023**



# ICOM

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

# MISSIONS

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
November 15-18, 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 Ostroda 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!

## SPECIAL GIFTS

### *Gifts given in memory of ...*

**Jacobine Engle**

by Grove CC, Gambier, OH

**Ken Meade**

by the Meade family

**C. Wayne Murphy**

by Robert & Gaye Caley

**Ed & Dimp Spencer**

by Dirck Spencer



### IN HONOR OF ...

Donald Hatfield on his 90th birthday  
by David & Sandy Hatfield

Nathanael Walker on his baptism  
by Shawn & Beth Walker





## 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.

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## REFUGEE RELIEF



In October, PCM sent \$8,000 to Poland for the purpose of Ukrainian refugee relief:

- 1) Food Distribution centers in Poland - \$2,500
- 2) Ostroda Camp & Polish churches for housing/food - \$4,000
- 3) Transports to Ukraine from three 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.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### ***Praise God for ...***

- ... lives being impacted by the Gospel in the nation of Poland.
- ... 120 students being trained and equipped by CSM this year. PCM is providing scholarships to assist 25 of these students.
- ... new windows installed in the church at Biala Podlaska.
- ... 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.
- ... Bartek Zdanowicz (Ostroda Camp Director) as he visits 10 U.S. churches and 8



Christian camps during his visit to the States.  
... 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:  
November 4: East 91st Street Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN  
November 5: Post Road Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN (Sandy)  
November 5: Brownstown Christian Church, Brownstown, IN (David)  
November 6: (AM) Hill Top Christian Camp, Columbus, IN  
(PM) Berea Christian Church, Brazil, IN  
November 7: (AM) Camp Allendale, Trafalgar, IN  
(PM) Spring Hill Camp, Seymour, IN  
November 8: Camp Iliana, Washington, IN  
First Christian Church, Carmi, IL  
November 9: Oil Belt Christian Camp, Flora, IL  
First Christian Church, Fairfield, IL  
November 10: Central Christian Church, Mt. Vernon, IL  
November 11: Camp Neotez, Desoto, MO  
November 12: (AM) Greenville First Christian Church, Greenville, IL  
(PM) Hillside Christian Church, Marshfield, MO  
November 15: PCM Executive Committee Meeting, Westside Christian, Yukon, OK  
November 16: PCM Fall Board of Directors Meeting, Westside Christian, Yukon, OK  
November 16-18: ICOM in Oklahoma City, OK  
November 19: Western Hills Christian Church, Lawton, OK  
November 26: Brighton Christian Church, Brighton, MI

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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](mailto:dave.hatfield777@gmail.com) or call him at 810-923-0226.

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