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Polish Christian Ministries December 2023

"Behold, these are but the outskirts of His ways; how small a whisper do we hear of Him! But the thunder of His Power who can understand? (Job 26:14)

CHURCH TOUR



Bartek Zdanowicz, the Ostroda Camp Director, came to the States this past month and traveled 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 20 months has hosted 200+ Ukrainian refugees at the camp. Many of the churches we visited are those who have come and served at Ostroda Camp. We want to especially thank the Greenville First Christian Church (Greenville, IL), the Brownstown Christian Church (Brownstown, IN), the First Christian Church (Carmi, IL), the First Christian Church (Fairfield, IL), Central Christian Church (Mt. Vernon, IL), and Bob Sylvester and Dean Melcher for hosting us overnight. To each of the ten churches who welcomed us so warmly, we say a big THANK YOU! Your prayers and financial support are what make ministry at Ostroda Camp possible.

Click [here for Bartek's video](#) describing how Ostroda Camp responded to the Ukrainian refugee crisis.

CAMP TOUR



As part of Bartek's tour, we were able to visit eight Christian camps in Indiana and Illinois. Although touring each facility gave Bartek new ideas, it was the interaction with the camp directors which was the most beneficial. We are thankful for each director and staff member who welcomed us and took the time to share their heart for camp ministry. These new relationships are a blessing and will certainly prove significant in the days to come.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS



What a great ICOM we experienced in Oklahoma City! According to ICOM stats, there were 6,265 onsite attendees, 750+ who attended virtually, and 290 exhibiting organizations. It was great to represent Poland with Bartek Zdanowicz, Bob Sylvester, Marek & Zofia Charis, and several PCM Board members, plus to visit with our friends at the Proem booth. The worship was inspiring, the main speakers awesome, and we welcomed many new guests to our PCM booth. God truly is the "HOPE for the nations."



POST ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH



PCM was invited to participate in the Global Partners Sunday at the Post Road Christian

Church in Indianapolis, IN. The parade of flags and the emphasis on world missions reflects this congregation's passion to see the Gospel proclaimed in the nations of the earth. We are thankful for our long-time partnership on behalf of the churches in Poland.

MORE CHURCH VISITS



Besides the churches visited with Bartek Zdanowicz, we also represented PCM this past month at the Hillside Christian Church (Marshfield, MO), the Western Hills Christian Church (Lawton, OK), and Brighton Christian Church (Brighton, MI). Each of these congregations are faithful supporters of PCM. It was a joy to reconnect and share about God's good works in Poland. We pray a blessing on each of these churches.

PCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The PCM Board of Directors is such a vital part of our ministry. These men and women provide wisdom and insight and have often traveled to Poland to serve alongside our

ministry partners. We gathered for our fall Board meeting at the Westside Christian Church in Yukon, OK, just prior to ICOM. We are happy to announce the addition of two Board members: Craig Olsen (Mt. Vernon, IL) (kneeling front row left) and Tom Anders (Covington, IN) (standing second from left). We thank God for each of these servants.



Dave Menge, who has served on the Board since 2016, recently needed to step down as he adjusts to a new season in life. Dave has been a valued member, especially in relation to churches in Nysa and Warsaw. We trust his heart for Poland will continue to be expressed in various forms of ministry in the future. Thank you, Dave!

REFUGEE RELIEF



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

- 1) Food Distribution centers in Poland - \$7,000
- 2) Ostroda Camp & Polish churches for housing/food - \$5,000
- 3) Transports to Ukraine from four Polish churches - \$9,000

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 FOR POLAND



TUESDAYS AT TEN

PRAYER FOR POLAND
2024

Prayer is the foundation for all we do. We invite you to join us on Tuesdays at 10am (ET) as we pray with our Polish partners via Zoom. The first session will be Tues., Jan. 9, 2024. Watch for the schedule and list of Polish participants in next month's eNews. We look forward to seeking God's face together.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for ...

- ... lives being impacted by the Gospel in the nation of Poland.
- ...the safety in journey for Bartek Zdanowicz (Ostroda Camp Director) and the positive contacts made as he visited 10 U.S. churches and 8 Christian camps this past month.
- ... the successful mission conference (ICOM) in Oklahoma City and the many new friends we made.
- ... 120 students being trained and equipped by CSM this year. PCM is providing scholarships to assist 25 of these students.
- ... the Polish churches as they continue to care for Ukrainian refugees.
- ... the two new members on PCM's Board of Directors.
- ... the generous response from supporters to enable the work in Poland to continue.

Please pray for ...

- ... the Polish churches as they adjust to a new Polish/Ukrainian/Belarusian reality and continue to send transports into Ukraine.
- ... an end to the war in Ukraine.
- ... those Polish churches who are passing the baton of leadership to the next generation.
- ... the churches in Radom and Lidzbark Welski who are in need of a pastor.
- ... Paula Styles (PCM Board member) who has been diagnosed with peritoneal cancer and has begun medical treatments.
- ... David and Sandy Hatfield's schedule:
December 3: Tomahawk Christian Church, Hedgesville, WV
December 10: College Park Christian Church, Normal, IL (via video)

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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