# Serving the people of Poland since 1954 - 70 years Polish Christian Ministries January 2024



And now, all glory to God, who is able to keep you from stumbling, and who will bring you into His glorious presence innocent of sin and with great joy. All glory to Him, who alone is God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Yes, glory, majesty, power, and authority belong to Him, in the beginning, now, and forevermore. Amen. Jude 24-25

# **HAPPY NEW YEAR**



All this and more we wish for you and yours as the new year begins.

2024 marks **70 YEARS** of PCM serving the nation of Poland. Thank you for your love, prayers, and support throughout the years. We look forward to all God has in store for us as we continue to partner together in 2024 on behalf of the Polish churches.

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



Prayer is the foundation for all ministry. It is only by God's power that we can serve effectively and see lives transformed. Convinced that God hears our prayers and answers in magnificent ways, PCM is committed to praying for our ministry partners in Poland. We invite you to join us via Zoom on Tuesdays at 10(EST) as we pray with our Polish partners. Here is the January schedule:

Jan. 9: Henryk Karasiewicz from Bielsk Podlaski Jan. 16: Krzysztof Adamkowski from Ciechanow Jan. 23: Wojtek Lemke from Gdynia Jan 30: Adam Dulinski from "West" in Warsaw

Here is the January Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89928973367?pwd=U2ZMV1N6T240YIFyOUpRSGYyMERYUT09

Meeting ID: 899 2897 3367 Passcode: 003319

# **HELP FOR UKRAINE**



Although we don't see it so much on the news, the war in Ukraine continues, and our Polish churches continue to provide assistance. PCM monthly sends funds to nine churches who are providing for the needs of Ukrainian refugees living in Poland and/or

sending transports of goods into Ukraine. We are so thankful for our ministry partners who continue to live out the Gospel in such tangible ways.

# **TOMAHAWK CHRISTIAN CHURCH**



The Tomahawk Christian Church in Hedgesville, WV, has been a faithful supporter of PCM for many years. It was good to reconnect with those members we've met before and to meet the new minister, Chris Thornton, and his family. We are thankful for their heart to make disciples both in West Virginia and across the globe.

# IN HONOR AND MEMORY



PCM is grateful for every donation given in memory of those who have gone before us, and to honor those who continue to exemplify the love of Jesus.



# **REFUGEE RELIEF**



In December, PCM sent \$22,000 to Poland for the purpose of Ukrainian refugee relief:

1) Food Distribution centers in Poland - \$10,500

- 2) Ostroda Camp & Polish churches for housing/food \$2,500
- 3) Transports to Ukraine from four Polish churches \$9,000

PCM has committed to send \$20K+ for the cold months (Dec 2023-May 2024) to help our Polish churches and Ostroda Camp provide food and housing for Ukrainian refugees. Of the six-month total of \$120K, PCM has raised \$87K thus far to meet this need.

Every donation is deeply appreciated.

2024 POLAND BOUND OPPORTUNITIES



The following are PCM ministry opportunities available this spring/summer in Poland:

May 10-19: Ostroda Camp (Cabin #7 Build) Limit: 12

May 17-26: Ostroda Camp (Cabin #7 Build) Limit: 12

May 17-28: Plock (Teaching English): Limit: 12 (FULL)

May 17-28: Warsaw Mokotow (Teaching English) Limit: 12 (FULL)

May 24-June 2: Ostroda Camp (Cabin #7 Build) Limit: 12

May 31-June 9: Ostroda Camp (Prepare grounds for camp season) Limit: 12

May 31-June 9: Biała Podlaska (Building Project) Limit: 10

June 7-16: Pabianice Genesis Nova (Ministry & Teaching English) Limit: 6

June 21-July 3: Sandomierz (Day Camp for kids) Limit: 8

June 21-July 3: Sosnowiec (Day Camp for kids) Limit: 8

July 5-14: Ostroda Camp (ReGeneration Camp) Limit: 12

July 5-14: Ciechanow (Teaching English) Limit: 6

Applications are due on or before March 1, 2024. Orientation for all volunteers will be on Zoom in March followed up with Zoom meetings with your team at a later time. Sessions do fill up so apply early. See www.pcmusa.org "Minister With Us" for more information.

#### **2023 WINS**

PCM provided **financial support** for: 1) 57 ministry partners in Poland including salaries for Polish pastors, retired pastors, widows, and ministry leaders; 2) sixteen building projects for our Polish churches; 3) Ukrainian refugee relief through food distribution centers, housing, and sending food transports into Ukraine.

PCM visited 43 US churches and 32 Christian Fellowship of Churches in Poland with twenty-three Leadership Development sessions. US teams were hosted in these Polish cities: Bialogard, Katowice, Lublin, Ostroda Camp (4), Plock, Sandomierz, Sosnowiec, Warsaw West and Warsaw South. Initiatives included Ukrainian refugee relief, day camps, building projects, teaching English, community service, and prayer.

The church in **Bialogard** hosted a retirement service for Henryk Wasilewski and ministry charge (not an official ordination) for Kacper Wasilewski (Henryk's grandson) to transition into the pastoral role of the church.

The church in **Dabrowa Gornicza** is targeting Czestochowa to start a new church plant.

The **Genesis Nova church in Pabianice** had over 100 in their first gathering at the newly renovated hotel. The top floor is for recovering alcoholics; the second floor for Ukrainian refugee assistance; and the first floor provides a worship space plus educational rooms for children.

The church in **Warsaw Ursynow** completed the renovation of an office building for ministry and for Sunday morning worship gatherings.

The **Christian School of Music** has 120 students for the '23-'24 school year with 25 PCM scholarships granted.

**Ostroda Camp** hosted four PCM teams this year primarily for building projects and to prepare the grounds for the camp season. They also hosted two ministry interns.

The **Slowo I Zycie** editor, Basia Karasiewicz, produced a beautiful 107-page Jubilee Edition (1921-2021) to celebrate 100 years of the Christian Fellowship of Churches in Poland.

# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

## Praise God for ...

- ... the many ways God proved His faithfulness during 2023.
- ... lives being impacted by the Gospel in the nation of Poland.
- ... the Polish churches as they continue to care for Ukrainians both in Poland and via transports to Ukraine.
- ... the generous response from supporters to enable the work in Poland to continue.

### Please pray for ...

- ... the Christmas Year End Appeal to reach its goal of \$75K (\$55K+ has been received to date).
- ... 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 is undergoing chemotherapy treatments.
- ... David and Sandy Hatfield's travel schedule:
- January 14: Southside Christian Church, Ottawa, IL
- January 21: Medaryville Christian Church, Medaryville, IN

If your church is interested in having PCM connect with your congregation in person or via live stream or Zoom, please contact David at <a href="mailto:dave.hatfield777@gmail.com">dave.hatfield777@gmail.com</a> or call him at 810-923-0226.

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