



*"Preach the gospel, die and be forgotten."*  
- Count Zinzendorf.



Dear Friends and Family,

### Summer Camp and Activities

As I am writing this update, Sarah and I are empty-nesters for about a week. Mikaela is working in the USA for the summer while Maia and Aleyna are in the mountains of Southern Poland at camp. We did not organize any summer camps this year, but we are very thankful that many teens from our church have been traveling to camps organized by other churches.

Right before the teens headed off to camp, we put them to work in a city wide evangelistic outreach in Łuków. There are 11,000 homes and apartments in Łuków and it was our goal to get a tract and church invitation to every one. Although we did not quite reach that goal, we did get a tract and invitation into more than 8,000 homes. It was very encouraging to see how many of the Siedlce church members got involved and put in many long hours of hard work. We are following up the tract distribution with a bunch of posters that we have put up all over town. Please continue to pray that God will save souls and plant a church in Łuków.

This spring we organized a conference in Siedlce in which we went through the book of Romans in one day. We really could not be more pleased with how it turned out. Our speaker John Brand from Edinburgh Bible College was excellent, our two translators did a fabulous job and we had about 50 people attend. We already have a couple ideas for conferences next year.

We were also very pleased to host Dr. Bob Jones III and Beneth for a Sunday morning in May. It was a great encouragement to spend time with this couple who have been married for 58 years and are still willing to travel to tiny little churches in the middle of nowhere to encourage the family of God.

### Year of paperwork

This is the year our residency cards expire and we have to apply for new ones. The bureaucracy side of international life is one of my least favorite responsibilities. We have already had a year full of paperwork: we had to renew Sarah's work permit this school year, we had to make some major changes with how we pay taxes and Polish health insurance because of some laws concerning income tax for all residence of Poland; nine months ago we started the process of purchasing a garage and we are still waiting for the government to give us permission; and now we will begin the headache of applying for new residency cards. Please pray that by the end of 2018 we will have received the paperwork we need to continue to live and minister here.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support! May God bless each of you.

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