

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



Dear Friends and Family,

God has been so generous to us and there are so many blessings to report.

First of all, Mikaela, our oldest daughter, reached a milestone and finished high school this year. She flew to the USA with Sarah in May to take part in her graduation ceremony, get a summer job and start preparing for college in the fall. I have stayed in Poland with Maia and Aleyna so that they can finish out the school year in Poland, and the three of us will fly to the USA on June 26th. During July and August, we will be able to visit a couple supporting churches, and at the end of August, four of us will fly back to Poland, while Mikaela stays in the USA to attend college. We are so proud of our Mikaela; she loves Jesus and wants to live for Him. We are excited to see what adventures await her in these next few years. At the same time, these next years will possibly be difficult as we live on one continent and our daughter on another. Please pray that God will be our strength in this new stage of life.

Secondly, I have some very good news concerning the three church discipline situations I mentioned in our last update. One of these was more difficult than the others and progressed to the possibility of disciplining the brother out of the church within a certain timeframe. In that allotted time, this man acknowledged his sin, privately and publicly asked for forgiveness, and is willing to meet with the elders to work through the issues! In my lack of faith, I never imagined that there would be such a 180 degree turnaround in this man's life and attitude. Praise God for His work! The other two situations remain complicated and unresolved; please pray.

Thirdly, over the last few years we have resolved to serve Christians in other churches around the country through the organization of conferences. At the end of February, we held a marriage conference in Siedlce which exceeded our greatest expectations. Initially we planned on organizing the conference for about 50 people, but in the end we had over 180 people in attendance. In April, we helped organize a conference in Warsaw in which we did an Old Testament overview. Again, the church was packed with another 180 people. We were told that it was the largest conference the church had ever hosted. We are encouraged by the way God is blessing these efforts and we are thinking and praying about more ways in which we can be a help to the broader Christian community in Poland.

Lastly, I am overjoyed to give you an update on the church plant in Łuków. We have been preaching God's Word at least once a week for 8 years without one profession of faith. BUT in the last 9 months we have seen what God has been doing in hearts! Sometime this summer we will have a baptismal service and it is possible that as many as <u>five</u> new believers will publically attest to the work of Christ in their lives. It is an unspeakable joy to see God draw people to Himself and build a church where there was not one before.

Thank you for your part in the church plant there. Without your financial support and prayers, we could not be here to experience what God is doing.

Ben (for Sarah, Mikaela, Maia and Aleyna)