

## ***PRAYER LETTER – JULY/AUGUST***

***“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15,5***

Thank you for your help and giving us the opportunity to spend time to rest. We spent it in mountains in Poland (see picture below).

Unfortunately, we had to break it down into two shorter periods of time, due to our cat's sudden illness (He had a difficult operation and required drips at home and injections.) Unfortunately, he died after a few days – on my hands... we couldn't help him because in covid times you have to get by without the help of a vet, because they work limited hours. We got very close to him, so it was a difficult and sad time.

In addition, we had to delay our free time also due to the disease of the upper respiratory tract of our son and his wife (Denis & Jadzia). We had to wait to find out if it was covid-19 or a cold due to air conditioning. We were ready to take care of our granddaughter Ania in case of poor disease of parents. Fortunately, everything ended well.

We really appreciate your help and support for us in that aim. Thank you so much.

Regarding our work in the mission field of Poland.

The last few months in ministry have taught us to depend on our Lord Jesus Christ. We do not need to celebrate helplessness with Him, but we can celebrate the harvest of many fruits.

Although our president of the Silesian region canceled all the events until the end of the year - including our Christian Culture Days, which we were going to organize in August, we can see how great a blessing it is to be able to share the Gospel individually - one on one.

There are very few ways we have left to bring the Gospel in the public sphere. People avoid clusters, so it is difficult to invite them to church - especially since our church has little space to offer.

People take pamphlets and books less than before the Coronavirus time, because they assume the covers may be contaminated with the virus. In this, however, we see a strange phenomenon that when we tell them that we want to give the "cure" against the fear of coronavirus, they accept the New Testament as a gift or the booklet "Coronavirus and Christ" by John Piper (see picture below). I can't understand it, but it means that the Lord has opened a door that no one can close - such a good method to open hearts.

So, we are looking for an opportunity to buy some New Testaments to distribute to residents and the little book by John Piper. Unfortunately, the free ones are no

longer available in Poland. There are only those that must be bought. The cost is 5 zlotys (which is just over one dollar). We want to raise funds for this purpose to buy at least 200 copies of that small book and some NT and Christian calendars with Bible verses and short evangelistic thoughts, which we will distribute on the occasion of evangelization in Fall. We pray about evangelization plans and this matter.

I am enjoying the blessing of Wednesday's Bible Study on the life of the prophet Elijah. He lived through a difficult time, he experienced quarantine and isolation, he experienced a time of shortages and God's miraculous provision. He triumphed on Mount Carmel, but then fought discouragement. God was helping him all the time. He is a man like us, an example of prayer for us.

The second method of reaching people that has become important to us is the broadcasting of services and sermons via Facebook and YouTube. As I wrote before, the number of people listening to us surprised us a lot. Now that number has dropped considerably as many churches have followed the same path. Enjoy the fact that we were among the first. I was able to encourage some of the pastors, and we were able to help them technically.

We are currently planning to broadcast evangelism over the internet, with the possibility of pastoral advice and answers to questions. After such evangelism, we want to be able to either meet the listener or (if the distance is large) send evangelistic materials.

We will discuss all our plans at our membership meeting in September. We also have to prepare for the next tightening of the law in connection with a possible second wave of the virus. There are very few deaths here in Poland, and in 90% of the cases the disease is almost asymptomatic. There are from 200 to 600 cases daily in our country and this number remains within this framework. The spikes are related to local outbreaks and the inclusion in the statistics of the entire Covid-19 outbreak.

Our prayers:

1. We continue to pray for Mark, who has not yet come to church (as the only one) because of fear of contracting the virus.
2. We pray for the resumption of Wednesday groups in Tychy. These meetings were held in private homes and were suspended due to concerns over disease transmission and neighbors' reactions to the potential threat. We are wondering if we shouldn't look for a facility for rent, however, there are few facilities willing to rent, due to strict procedures for disinfecting rooms after each meeting.
3. We pray for Jonatan and Julia who will get married in September. Perhaps their wedding will be affected by the registration obligation and a reduction in the number of invited people.
4. We pray for Magda (16y) who suffered from depression. Her condition is much better. Currently, she is already in the second Christian camp. We pray for

her salvation. By the way, I would like to mention that many camps this year could not be held due to legal restrictions on the places where they are organized.

5. We pray to be taught about spiritual maturity in the student missionary course. I will give lectures this topic, and pastor Andrzej takes care of the food/meals and leads the evening community. We still have about 30 students. During the next session, we would like to emphasize how important the character of a Christian is, how important are the fruits of the Holy Spirit, which, however, we cannot have by ourselves. We can do nothing without Jesus, without fellowship with Him (as we read in John 15).

May God bless you, strengthen you in your spiritual struggle and keep you healthy.

Tomasz and Kamilla

PS. Sorry for my grammar mistakes...I prepared it alone with Uncle Google Translator. I hope all my thoughts are understandable.

