

## **Prayer Letter April - May 2018**

To start with, I am sending warm greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. It wasn't long ago when I wrote to you about winter weather, and here we are in spring time and with summer temperatures. More people spend time outdoors, so we have planned more evangelism outreach for the coming season.

Firstly, let's mention what has already taken place. In April, as a church, we celebrated 20 years of the Lord's protection, leading and His grace. Those have been very blessed years: God gave us our own small building and resources to renovate it so that 10 years ago we began holding services in our own place. However, that was not the most important thing. We had 9 people who started the work with us, and now we have over 80, including children and teenagers. The weekend of celebrations was particularly special as we decided to hold an evangelistic concert. We had a band that consists of some of the brothers from our church, and we invited a famous Polish jazz singer who also sings gospel music. The concert was packed; some of the 320 people who came were non-Christians, and they were able to hear invitation to give their lives to Jesus a few times on that evening.

Our young people also had their special time together. Many of those who attended Polish-American camps over the years joined our youth group, who were hosting the event. They had a time of worship and teaching. On the last day, we as a church shared a special meal together that we called an agape feast.

We mustn't forget our guests: a few pastors and their wives arrived from churches we have connections with, as well as some representatives from your church, with Pastor David Tebay who was the main guest speaker. He spoke about discipleship and membership which are important parts of a church's life. We enjoyed wonderful fellowship in Christ together and refreshed our friendship. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your gift that started up a new fund devoted to building a new church. We are so grateful and appreciative of this gift. Our current building has been too small for us for a while, not only on Sunday mornings, but during the week - it's been hard to accommodate all groups (eg. Bible study, worship group, teenager group, youth group etc).

As far as our plans for the near future are concerned, please be in prayer for:

### 12<sup>th</sup> May - evangelism training - "Project Philip"

Individual evangelism is the most natural way of sharing the Gospel. Before the summer camps and mission season begin, we want to be well prepared for how to share the Good News effectively.

After summer, we will meet again to share about the fruit of evangelism and talk about the challenges we faced in order to learn how to use the spiritual tools we have (the Word and prayer) best in conversations with others.

25<sup>th</sup> May – mutual conference of a few churches that collaborate with one another on various projects

We are well aware that we need spiritual nourishment. Christians are not doers who fight blindly, but are servants of God, disciples of Jesus who seek God's will for their lives. This is time for us to have a rest, to listen to His word, to take courage and, if need be, change the direction we are heading. We pray for spiritual blessing for all involved.

29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June – evangelistic project “Build with us”

This is the first time in Poland that we will be holding such an event for children, teenagers, and their parents. We asked two other churches if they would like to work with us as we need a lot of hands on deck. A primary school in the town centre agreed to let us use their hall free of cost to build a city from LEGOS and a well-known organization that works with children in Poland agreed to support the project as well. A truck filled with 250,000 Lego bricks is going to come to our town to enable children to build landmarks of the world. On the last day, there will be an exhibition open to all. Many of the buildings that will be built create opportunities for sharing the Gospel, e.g. when children build city walls, they will listen to the story about the walls of Jericho; when they build the Eifel tower, they will hear about the first ever tower of Babel; when they build a park or a zoo, they will hear about the garden of Eden; when they build a church, they will hear about why God gave people church. We intend to speak to parents and children individually as well while they are building; there will be Bible lessons for all ages. Please remember about this in your prayers.

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June – a trip to the town of Szczytnica (200 miles from Pszczyna)

During communism, this town was a soviet rocket base ready for attacking the West. That is why this town was never featured on any official map. The Gospel was never preached there. After the soviet army moved out, often poor people from all over Poland began populating the town. Today, thanks to collaboration with another church, there is a small group of people that study the Bible together. This is the second time we will be going there with our youth to minister to children and adults. I will be sharing the Gospel and our youngsters will lead the drama and games for children, as well as Bible lessons taught by Lukasz, our brother from church. Last time we visited, over 100 children came from the streets; we spoke to many parents about faith and salvation. Please pray for that.

24<sup>th</sup> June – the beginning of summer in Poland (schools break up)

Many of us take part in camps and evangelistic efforts as leaders or participants. We pray for all to grow closer to the Lord and for those who haven't given their lives to Jesus, we pray that they will be led to do just that.

We pray especially for Karolina and her husband. After a conversation we had, Karolina gave her life to Jesus. After a few days, her husband asked us “What have you done to her?” At first, I got a bit concerned that something bad had happened or that he objected to her Christian faith, but it soon became clear that he saw so many positive changes in her life that he wanted to meet with me and ask what had caused such changes in his wife.

We pray for Artur. During a business trip, Wacek shared the Gospel with Artur, who then decided to accept Jesus as his Saviour. His marriage is troubled, so we pray for him and his wife.

May the Lord bless you all,

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