

PRAYER LETTER MAY/JUNE 2017

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3,20-21)

God can do so much more, because He is so much more. Often we try to put God in a box of our own ideas on how He can solve our problems, how He can help and lead us. But God is greater than our scenarios and leads us in a way that often surprises us. Sometimes, when we pray, we expect certain answers, but God can do so much more beyond our expectations. How can we not be grateful for that? His is the glory in church and throughout generations!

The Bible Week events have come to an end. Many young people had the opportunity to listen to all kinds of music: gospel, soul, worship. The message was very simple – all the lyrics pointed at Jesus and the need to be saved. The youngsters felt encouraged to establish a personal relationship with Jesus and not only know of Him as a historic figure.

The choir we had invited sang traditional songs; we heard many interesting testimonies as well. One of the amazing testimonies was shared by one of the singers: she was healed after having suffered a severe stroke. Doctors didn't give her much hope for recovery; she was expected to spend the rest of her life paralyzed, possibly on a wheelchair if fortunate enough. After two weeks of praying it appeared that God had a different plan: she left the hospital on her own accord, completely healthy. The doctor told her that during the 30 years he'd been practicing, he'd never witnessed anyone recover so quickly. She wants to praise the Lord with the choir.

We also heard the testimony of a person who had been persecuted and put down at her workplace because of her faith. God, however, made it happen that she won her boss's favour – just like Daniel in the Bible who found himself and his friends imprisoned – and today that person is one of the coordinators for new projects. The turning point was when she stopped looking for her own solutions and fighting against her oppressors, but began to pray „Lord Jesus, allow me to find you in this trial.” The Lord drew her attention to the sermon on the mountain and praying for those who persecuted her. Through that prayer, God changed her attitude to her oppressors first. For us, this was a huge encouragement to seek the Lord in times of trouble.

In the recent months we as a church went through a shock. Monika, a lady from our church, learned that she had brain cancer. After the first dose of chemotherapy, she found out she was pregnant. Our church members asked all their friends and family to pray for her and her husband, Robert. Monika decided that she wasn't going to undergo therapy until the child was born, which meant she was likely to die after giving birth. The child was born. It's a boy and they called him Jan. Monika was supposed to start chemo again and then get ready to be operated on. However, after some initial tests the doctors decided that the operation was no longer necessary as there are no cancer cells found in her body any more. The lead doctor told her „consider your case as a miracle.”

Isn't that the proof that God can do so much more than what we ask for or think?

We were also able to hear testimonies of some brothers. One of them was freed from drug addiction. At one stage, he was homeless, but God came to him with His Word and all became new. Today, he is a wonderful husband and father.

Although the meeting rooms were not big, we managed to speak to a few people afterwards. During those meetings men, and women, shed a few tears. We are all so grateful for how good our

Lord is. Of course, there were people at the meetings who haven't given their lives to Jesus yet. We keep praying for them.

Yesterday, we went out to the streets of our town to share the Gospel with children and their parents. June 1st in our culture is a Children's Day and on that occasion parents give small gifts to their children. It's a very happy and family orientated day. Our aim is to remind parents that the greatest gift of all is the Good News. The children received booklets „How to get to heaven from Poland” and invitations to join a correspondence Bible course. We handed out plenty of resources for parents and children: New Testaments on DVD, evangelism books, etc. We pray God will bless that time of sowing so that it will bear fruit.

As far as the exhibition „The History of the Bible” is concerned, all the preparations have ended now. We've hired a room for free that can fit 200 people. So far, we have displayed over 200 posters and handed out over 1000 invitations. We pray for this event to be well received and attended by the public. We are thankful to the Lord that the castle in Pszczyna is overseeing the exhibition, which has added a cultural value to it and increased the interest of the local mass media. Our mayor, who has been very supportive, has decided to pay for the poster display from the town's budget.

We have ended a children's competition based on the Book of Exodus. We've prepared questions, tests and memory Bible verses. The children took part in two age groups. I had the opportunity to be one of the judges and, together with another elder, see how excited the children were. The competition helped the young ones to get to know the Bible better and their parents to find the time to talk to their children about the Word of God. I think the competition became a family event, which was the point. These days, there aren't many opportunities for families to spend time together; sometimes we have to sacrifice a lot to make that happen. As a reward, this week, we are all going for a trip to the mountains to visit the place where first Christians met in our area during persecution.

Prayer requests:

- pray for the Bible Exhibition to be seen by many and for the Bible to gain authority in people's lives
- pray for the youth camp so that the Lord will give strength, bring closer those who know Him and save those who don't
- pray for Bozena who has been diagnosed with malignant tumor. The doctors told her she'd been diagnosed very late. Our church prays for her and our elders have been invited to her home to pray together with the family. We've had some good news lately: the tumour hasn't spread anywhere else in her body, which surprised the doctors. Bozena's daughter will be with us at the camp.
- pray for Joel, Rafal, Asia and Daniel who have been preparing for their baptism.

Thank you for your prayers and support,

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