

## Prayer Letter – Jan/Feb 2018

We thank the Lord for open doors to preaching the Gospel.

Over two weeks ago, I received interesting statistics regarding the religiousness of the Polish people. From it, we learn that the number of Catholics has dropped 3% and is currently 94%, however, only 45% attends Sunday mass. Unfortunately, even the 45% does not guarantee they are Biblical believers, as the life of religious Poles is centered around sacraments and attending Sunday mass. Those people do not know of the possibility of knowing Jesus personally and having a relationship with him other than through observing traditions. The Bible is not their foundation. Thus, they need the living Gospel to receive new life from God.

Another statistic, sadly, says that the number of Protestants in Poland has fallen from nearly 1% a few years ago to 0.2%. This is partially caused by people's emigration to UK and Scandinavia.

How accurate are the words "*if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out*" for our country in this time? We are so close to 0% therefore we have no other choice than to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus. Please pray that the Lord will send workers to harvest His crop.

We pray for evangelism we wish to organize this year:

1. Our church's 20th anniversary in April – we'd like to organize an open-air evangelistic concert and invite non-Christians.
2. In May, we will co-run a conference when one night will be devoted to addressing young people and encouraging them to ministry and evangelism.
3. In May, also we are starting training regarding one-to-one ministry that will last till September. We feel the need to be reminded again how to speak to people in our area about Jesus and share the Gospel with them effectively. It's become popular not to believe in God; an increasing number of people, especially young, declare to be agnostics or atheists.
4. At the start of June, we would like to run the project "Build with us," aimed at parents and children, where, apart from building a huge town out of Legos, we hope it will be a good time of evangelism and sharing the Word with children.
5. In June, we will also have a youth mission trip to Szczytnica – a small town where a few years ago several people decided to start evangelistic work. The town is a former Soviet army base, but these days people accept Jesus as their Savior; there are also many children of the street. We believe the Lord can use us there.
6. In August, we would again like to take part in the Christian Culture Week in Katowice – the capital of our region. Last year, I had the privilege of sharing from the Bible on stage as one of the main speakers. The Lord touched people's hearts with His words and now there is quite a big church that has meetings twice a week.

We pray for the people God has called to being evangelists. Our 3-year long mission course is coming to an end in June and we pray that all the participants will serve the Lord, helping their pastors and evangelizing our country. Some of them have been commuting nearly 400kms from other churches near the Ukrainian border. Despite the distance, they value the time of training and never miss a meeting. Please pray for

them and for us. The next meeting is in February (see the picture of students listening about the ministry of leadership a couple of weeks ago).

Thank you for praying for our Men's breakfast meeting. We were very blessed with the morning talk entitled "Man and His Identity." Besides food and good conversation, we talked about men's leadership in their homes and what it meant to have an identity "in Christ."

We pray for a new family from the town of Zabrzeg. They became Christians after reading the Bible. They realized they needed a Bible-centred church and they have found us via our webpage.

We pray for Marek who became a Christian not long ago. He needs our support and enjoys talking to people and asking questions, mainly about relations at home as his wife is not a Christian. We have spoken about baptism as well after he read about it in the Bible. Please remember him in your prayers.

We pray for Bartek, our elder's son, and his wife. As a teenager, Bartek would attend Christian camps and come to church, but as an adult, he decided to go his own way. He comes to church once or twice a year. They were expecting a baby and two weeks before the due day, they lost it. It was a boy. The doctors were not too sure about what had caused his death. The first question Bartek asked his believing parents was "Why did He take him away from us?" The situation is very difficult and requires constant prayer and pastoral support. It's one of the most difficult problems I have ever faced, not only due to the loss of a long-awaited baby, but also due to the kind of questions being addressed to God and the emotional state of the parents. Please pray for them with us.

Thank you for all your prayers and support.

May the Lord bless you!

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