

Prayer letter – December 2017

The year has come to an end and when we look back, our hearts fill with gratitude. We can truly say that the Lord has helped us thus far: we've had evangelism, a wonderful summer camp, a Bible exhibition seen by hundreds of people, a Bible Week in Katowice (the capital of our region), and two baptisms which is a rarity in Poland. We are grateful to God for sending you as our partners and intercessors in prayer, just like Hur and Aaron for Moses, you kept holding up our arms metaphorically in spiritual fight. Thank you. May the Lord reward you in His riches in glory.

Looking at last month

We are glad to have been able to organize Men's Breakfast, attended by almost all the men in our church. The topic of the meeting was „Men and the Scriptures.” Apart from food, we also had something for the soul. We are already planning another meeting for January entitled „Men and his identity.”

On December 6th, as every year, we held street evangelism. Children received books and invitations to a correspondence Bible course for children, and for parents we had calendars with Bible verses, evangelistic literature, and New Testaments in book and CD form. Overall, we handed out nearly 1000 resources and the event was well received.

We thank God for Bozena. God led her through a dark valley of cancer in the past year. She's been operated on and is feeling much better. Right before the operation, the doctors decided to carry out a less intrusive operation due to the fact that the tumor had decreased and hadn't spread anywhere else. During the illness, Bozena's daughter, Patrycja, came to the Lord and got baptised (she attended the summer camp as well).

We pray for Marek. He still goes to a Catholic church, but he reads the Bible, attends our Wednesday Bible study meetings and sometimes Sunday services. When he'd inquired about Biblical churches in the area, people, who had nothing to do with us, had pointed him to our church. It seems our online sermons are listened to by others who recommend our church to the seeking. Praise the Lord!

We pray for Patryk. Six years ago, he completed a series of meetings for addicts. For six months, I'd meet with him and his parents separately once a week. Although his parents don't show much change, Patryk is doing well: he has a job, a fiancé and plans for the future. Recently, he contacted me and wanted to meet. During our conversation, I noticed he had missed chatting with his father; he told me he visited our church website and listened to the sermons. He'd been thinking about the life of Jesus and had many questions. I am glad we could meet, share about the Gospel and encourage him to read the Bible.

A few days ago, someone from Thailand phoned me to thank me for the sermon on the need to seek the Lord in silence. We live in the civilization of noise and it's a challenge to find a place to be quiet before the Lord. I spoke about the fact that

the prophets, Jesus and His disciples had personal quiet time to meet with the Lord. I never expected it to reach Polish people in Asia! I thank the Lord for His grace and the power of His Word.

We thank the Lord for our children who prepared a beautiful evangelistic show about Christmas and the birth of Jesus and sang songs, led and directed by Renata. We pray for her and that her return to ministry might be lasting as we could see she was greatly encouraged by this. On that day, a few people from outside the church visited us and listened to the Gospel message. We praise the Lord! I've enclosed some photos.

Looking into the future

Our country is getting ready for a referendum regarding abortion. We pray for our rulers to create laws that reflect God's ideas about creation from conception. The topic is difficult and controversial and our country needs your prayers.

We pray for preparations for a Bible exhibition in a Bielsko-Biala castle arranged for January. This time we'll be helping a friendly evangelical church there to set it up. There are 200,000 citizens in Bielsko-Biala alone. In Pszczyna, nearly 1800 people saw the exhibition, we handed out over 500 Bibles and most people heard the Gospel message. We pray for God's guidance.

We've also begun preparing for the project „Build with us.” There is going to be a lorry full of Lego bricks that we will use daily to build Biblical buildings and sites, e.g. the Babel tower, Jericho walls etc. Each day, we will learn a Bible story to go with the building. On the last day, the site will be open to all and the children will be able to explain what this is and what they've learned. Please remember about it in your prayers.

We thank the Lord for being able to finish installing a central heating system in our church. The next step is to paint the church in February/March.

Thank you for all your prayers and support. May the Lord bless you.

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