

Wonderful Summer in the USA

It was a bit difficult to be separated from Mikaela through this last school year as she attended Bethlehem College in Minneapolis and we served in Poland. We were all looking forward to spending the summer together. When flights were being canceled and borders closing because of Covid it looked like spending the summer together might not be possible. Praise the Lord, we were able to find a flight and were overjoyed to be together. We spent three months in Midland, MI where both Mikaela and Maia had summer jobs. Because of the pandemic we were not able to visit as many family members and supporters as we would have liked. Nevertheless, we are extremely thankful for what we were able to do.

Returning to life in Poland

There is much to do and I am eager to get busy. My two friends and co-elders, Adam and Jan, did an excellent job of leading the two churches here for the last three months. The churches, though small, are full of love and life.

Some of the first jobs that I need to get done are practical needs of daily life. We have a surprising amount of expensive repairs that need to be made.

Adam was planning on picking us up from the Warsaw airport. However, he wasn't there waiting for us because on his drive to Warsaw our vehicle had no power to drive faster than 45 mph. It now looks like we will have to replace the turbocharger in our diesel engine (\$2,300).

Now that we are getting settled into our apartment we realize that our washing machine is broken, irreparable and must be replaced. And unbelievably, that is not the end of the list. In the last week before we left the USA I had taken my laptop to be repaired three times and three times paid for it to be repaired. However, it is not usable and apparently it too needs to be replaced.

So all at once we will be paying for a washing machine, laptop and turbocharger.

I would like to add that although these things have caused me some frustration and are time consuming, they are the good sort of problems. There have been times in the past when we returned to Poland to find division in the church and sin in the lives of those we love. Those sorts of problems are significantly more heartbreaking.

We are very grateful for God's blessings to us. One of those blessings is your faithful partnership with us. Thank you!!

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