

Ordination Service

There is a great need in Poland for ministers of the Gospel, so it was a wonderful honor to preach for an ordination service this June. Over the last two years, I've had the privilege of spending a good bit of time with Sylwester Torbiczuk, a faithful young Christian man. This spring he related how happy he was that a few members of his family were planning on attending, exceptional because his leaving the Catholic church a few years ago caused conflict and divisions in his family. What a joy to remind him and those listening of the transforming ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for Sylwester – may God bless him with many years of faithful service for the kingdom of God in Poland.

Summer Camp

I had the privilege of being the speaker at a family camp for a week in June. Three local churches from the cities of Gdańsk, Wrocław, and Poznań gather annually for a time of fellowship, fun and worship. Together we walked through the book of 1 Thessalonians. In addition to the believers attending the camp, a large group of Ukrainian refugees who are being housed at that campground also slipped in the back to listen. God blessed us with a wonderful week of fellowship together.

American/Polish Wedding

A young man who now attends the church in Siedlce attended a Christian camp a few years ago where he met an American girl coming over to serve. Kuba and Catherine's relationship has grown over the last couple of years, and what a great privilege it was to be asked to preside over their Polish/American wedding! Most of both their American and Polish families in attendance were not born-again Christians, so it was a wonderful opportunity to explain how the institution of marriage is a picture of Christ's sacrificial love for the church. Please pray that God will bless Kuba and Catherine as they plan to start a family and actively serve in the Siedlce church.

Ukrainian refugees

Our ministry to refugees has not really slowed down but it has changed significantly. For the first two months after the start of the war, Ukrainian refugees were traveling through Eastern Poland by the hundreds of thousands. Now, for the last two months, there is significantly less through-travel and a few thousand refugees from both Belarus and Ukraine have settled into living in the Siedlce and Łuków areas. We've been reaching out to them and since the beginning of March, our church service attendance has been about 50% Ukrainian and 50% Polish. The language barrier is significant, but it has been our great joy to share the compassion and goodness of Jesus with them. Beyond their spiritual needs, they have real physical needs, many of which we have been continually meeting because of your generosity.

One of the many Ukrainian related initiatives that we are involved in is an effort to distribute about 20,000 copies of three different evangelistic books in the Ukrainian language to refugees living in Poland during July and August.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support during this uniquely demanding and busy season of ministry. And please pray for a mature, Ukrainian-speaking Christian to join the ministry in Siedlce and Łuków. We desperately need someone who can minister to these people in their own language.

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