

Ukrainian Refugees

Our ministry to refugees has continued since the start of the war, however, it has changed over time. For the last month there have been very few refugees traveling through our area. It seems that they have arrived at their destinations. Although hundreds of thousands of refugees traveled through our part of Eastern Poland, now we are ministering to those families who have settled here. Most of these families are from some sort of Evangelical church and have begun to worship with us on Sunday mornings. These days almost 50% of those attending Sunday morning worship services are Ukrainian. Our worship service is now in Polish, English and Ukrainian every week. That includes the song service and junior church. Although it is truly a joy to minister to these dear people, our workload has multiplied.

Because of the generosity of our supporters, we have been able to meet many needs. Just this week I was able to find long-term housing for two of the families living in Siedlce. Polish landlords are not very willing to rent to Ukrainians now, so I have personally signed both of these rental agreements. Although that is certainly less than an ideal situation, we had no other idea of how we could get a roof over their heads. Through your generosity, we were able to pay a \$3,000 heating bill for one church building which was housing refugees, we purchased airfare for a family to travel to the USA, and we have continued to provide meals, clothes, toys, Bibles and evangelistic books to many refugee families.

Permanent residency in Poland

Without any doubt, the responsibility that I dread the most as a missionary is applying for residency cards and I had the responsibility of doing that twice in the last year. In October of 2021, we began the process of applying for two types of residency cards (Temporary Residency and Permanent Residency).

Praise God, early in 2022 we were granted a three-year residency and we are still partway through the process of the application for permanent residency. A few of the most important steps are done, but there are still two steps to go.

Please pray for us to receive this permanent status. After 21 years in Poland it would be such an amazing blessing and encouragement if the Polish government would just go ahead and grant us permanent status.

Baptismal Service

It is always a joy to celebrate a baptismal service. Recently two people were baptized and added to membership of the Siedlce congregation including our youngest daughter Aleyna. Aleyna is now 14 years old. She loves the Lord and actively serves the people around her for His glory. God has been extremely good to our family. All three of our daughters are born again and growing in their love for God and others.

