

Polish pastors are stretched very, very thin with all they're doing for Ukrainian refugees. Yesterday one pastor called me through tears asking for help; another contacted us asking if someone from our church could come and preach for them this Sunday. He said that he is overwhelmed with responsibilities, has not been able to prepare a sermon this week and in fact, has not been sleeping. So this weekend I'll preach in Siedlce and Łuków, and Adam Urban my fellow elder, will travel to two other churches to preach and encourage the believers there.

As you know, many Polish pastors not only have the responsibility to lead their congregation but also work a full-time job to support their families. Now on top of those responsibilities they oversee organizing meals, housing, and care for the thousands of Ukrainian refugees who have entered Poland. In many cases, pastors have taken refugees into their own homes, so that they literally have no place to get away from the demands of ministry.

As Sunday draws near, please pray for these men. Ask God to give them enough time and clarity of mind to prepare for Sunday worship services. Please pray that God would empower them to preach the good news of the gospel to the many tired and anxious people who will attend church services this Sunday.

And again, pray for the Ukrainian refugees. We know God is doing transformative things in the hearts of those volunteering their time and in those who are in such desperate need of help.

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