

Dear friends and family,

We've spent some hours recently trying to strategically choose the best ways to spend our limited time and energy. Many organizations, churches, and individuals are working in Poland during this time. There are lots of ways that we could get involved, but we need to carefully choose which tasks to focus most on. As the church of Jesus Christ, we are called to meet physical needs remembering that the greatest need of the people around us can be met only through the good news of Jesus.

These days are especially difficult for pastors. We are in regular contact with a handful of churches in this eastern part of Poland whose pastors are overwhelmed; in fact, one brother resigned from his role as pastor last week. In my opinion, a really great need is to encourage and support these brothers in Christ who are stretched thin.

Here is what we've decided our main tasks will be in the days and weeks ahead:

1. Supplying humanitarian aid for a limited number of refugees here in Siedlce.
2. Gathering trustworthy Gospel-focused materials in the Ukrainian language on the subjects of anxiety, suffering, depression, and distributing them widely through Poland.
3. Supporting the elders/pastors in Eastern Poland (Hrubieszów, Zamość, Lublin, Piątków and Dęblin), possibly organize a retreat where we meet to talk, pray, and sing together.
4. Traveling on weekends for the next few weeks to provide pulpit fill for churches right on the border. Two young pastors in particular are overwhelmed with responsibilities. Hopefully serving them will allow those pastors to sit down, rest, and be encouraged by the preaching of the Word of God.

Thank you for your prayers.

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