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## PRAYER LETTER

### Evangelical church in Inowrocław

#### Seeking the answer

It has been just over three months since the evangelical church in Inowrocław appointed me as their pastor. Their call had come in July last year but it was at the end of December when I responded positively.

There were two basic reasons why it took a bit of time to make the final decision. The first reason was that I had been approached by another church and asked to consider becoming their pastor. The second reason was the fact that since the beginning of 2018 I have wanted to give more of my time to publishing work.

Eventually all seemed to lead me and Aneta to a decision to help the congregation in Inowrocław. At the end of December, we let them know we wanted to come along with our support for them and since January this year I have visited them every Sunday to preach. Before that, I preached in their church once a month since their pastor went to serve in another place. On 3<sup>rd</sup> February the congregation appointed me as their pastor.

#### The need

The small congregation had been without a pastor for nearly three years. It had been a great problem to them not only in spiritual terms but also legal. According to our denomination's constitution, a church without a pastor does not have a legal representation.

The membership amounts to twenty one in a city of approximately seventy thousand people. More than half of us in the congregation are over fifty years old and many over sixty. There are two couples who are not members but regularly attend Sunday services. The first couple are elderly people who used to be members of the congregation. The second couple are people who are not married and with some children.

We are getting to know the congregation and its members' needs.

#### The resources

Before Aneta and myself got fully involved in the new work, the congregation had been looked after by Paweł and Justyna. They are a relatively young couple with two daughters who live in the church flat. It was a big relief to them when we joined in the work. Paul is one of the elders, who does some preaching on Sunday and Bible studies on Wednesday. Seeing Paul's potential, I am encouraging him to do some more theological training.

Leadership include two other elders – Bronisław and Eugeniusz. Ela, who is a music teacher, plays the organ and Justyna helps with singing and runs our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/inoewangeliczni/>.

We gather in a nice but fairly old church building situated very close to the centre of the city at one of the main crossroads.

#### Challenges

1. Because publishing work is based at my home in Włocławek we need to travel to Inowrocław – 70 kilometres one way. Now I aim at being there twice a week.
2. A number of members struggle with some health issues. One lady, Grażyna, has myeloma and a heart problem. A boy called Amadeus suffers from autism. At least two ladies cannot attend services because of their old age and health problems.

3. Building relationships with church members and strengthening unity of the congregation.
4. Bringing back some people to the church and reaching the community with the Gospel we preach.

We do thank you for supporting EMF and our work.

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