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Dear Friends,

First of all, I would like to encourage readers of this prayer letter to express gratitude to our Lord for those who care for churches in respective places. But at the same time to make petitions for places where there is a need for those who would feed, care for and lead God's people. I am writing from Poland, from my own experience and from what I hear. The fact is there are too few willing, able and trained men for ministry in our country. When I was at EMF's Belfast Conference in Northern Ireland in 2018, I stressed that fact as I was going through this situation at that time. Two churches had approached me and asked me to be their pastor.

At the end of 2018 I responded positively to one of the calls to help the congregation in Inowrocław. My two-year trial period as a pastor started at the beginning of February 2019. After fifteen months and much deliberation and talks I have arrived at a conclusion that I need to forward my resignation. The major reason is that I live forty-four miles away from my congregation. Visiting church only twice a week has not given me a chance to really integrate with my flock. Preaching and leading Bible study without being able to provide proper pastoral care has prompted me to review my ministry and share my conclusions with the congregation. I did it at the church meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February this year. Five to six hours a week in Inowrocław on average plus five hours driving a car there and back has been fine as a temporary help for the congregation but will not work long term.

The fact is that I need to share the ministry with the publishing work I have been doing for over twenty years and which ought to occupy most of my time. A load of big and little tasks require my attention on a daily basis ranging from translation work or checking translations through sales through our online shop to making sure that our computer works fine and backs up Legatio's data.

On the top of that there is a group of people in Włocławek who has set off on a mission to start a new Gospel work in Włocławek a city of over a hundred thousand people in it and probably up to two hundred evangelicals and Pentecostals. I have taken a role of the one who does the preaching and teaching.

Taking all that into account I am grateful to our God for the time that I could provide ministry to the congregation in Inowrocław. When the authorities let us gather together again, I will be gradually lessening my input in Inowrocław.

Conclusions:

1. We are very thankful and appreciate your prayers and support through EMF.
2. Please pray for the congregation in Inowrocław during the transition period and that our Lord may send His workers to this field.
3. Please pray for our new work in Włocławek.
4. Pray for me as I need to catch up with a lot of publishing work.
5. Remember in your prayers a problem I have with a cough that bothers me when I speak a lot.

Krzysztof & Aneta

