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**Dear Friends,**

Greetings from Poland!

**Thank you to all of you who are praying for us.** After a rather long break I want to send you some news.

Nearly two months ago we finally closed the procedure of building the house. Although soon it will be 1 year since we moved in, all the bureaucracy was finally finished just recently. There are still some minor but important details to be finished but those do not prevent us from comfortable living and enjoying that great blessing of having our own house. There is much to be done outside, but we will work on it gradually over many years in the future. In the summer I scattered 40-45 tons of construction debris with a shovel in order to harden the driveway and although it was good fun, apparently I overworked my wrists. It's now getting better though.

### **Health**

Maybe this is a good time to mention some health issues. Daga's doctor prescribed her some medicines to boost her ovulation (similar injections to those before IV treatment), but there is no result yet. Various shifts at work and limited working hours of her new gynecologist make it a bit difficult to continue the treatment.

I myself for more than a month have had some pains in my bowels. I have had a blood test and apparently everything was OK. It might have something to do with quite strong hyperacidity. I now take some medicines and have changed my diet and generally it helps, although the soft pain remains and appears from time to time. On 17th November I will have a colonoscopy and hopefully we will find out what is going on. I was going to have an ultrasound scan two weeks ago but unfortunately due to Covid 19 it is cancelled now.

### **Covid 19**

There is a huge mess around this virus in Poland. Laws are not very clear. Some government decisions look like they were made randomly. The NHS in Poland is already overloaded but that's not necessarily due to so many Covid cases, but due to the new rules that hospitals have to obey, and due to the generally poor condition of our NHS. Doctors refuse to treat patients, the operations are being cancelled, GP's offer mainly phone advice. Elderly people are dying in care homes in loneliness as all the visits are forbidden. One young lady - Kinga - who started to attend our church a few months ago just recently had to bury her great grandmother who was sent to the nursing home by her family. Kinga was trying to take her granny into her rented flat but the conditions were not good enough. After just 3 weeks in the nursing home she died of pneumonia... lonely...

A few days ago Daga's colleague's brother in law died in his house. He had diabetes and started to feel bad. The first day he ignored the symptoms, as he thought that he would not receive any help anyway. On the second day he phoned his GP but she was on holiday. They tried to sign up for phone advice or a visit with another GP but the doctor refused as he was not her patient. Finally they phoned the hospital and they told them to call an emergency. His wife had to talk with EMD and she was instructed to keep doing the first aid as he was in a horrible condition. When paramedics came first they had to dress up in their special clothes outside the block of flats. When they entered the flat and continued the first aid the guy was already dead... Those are the "side effects" of the presence of Covid 19.

From 17th October our city has been in a red scheme where we have greater restrictions than in the yellow scheme. Churches are allowed to meet but we are allowed to have only 1 person per 7 m<sup>2</sup> apart from those who lead the “religious activity”. People have to wear masks (or cover their faces some other way), we have to sanitise hands and keep a social distance. So in our church we are allowed to have 19 people plus those who lead. We of course continue to stream our full service on Sunday and we know that many people find it really helpful.

Although in our church generally there are no controversies over the virus issue (maybe with some minor exceptions), unfortunately there are many divisions in our small evangelical world over that. It is really sad and not a good testimony at all.

*Update: The very moment I wrote this newsletter, our government set up new restrictions, and from 9th till at least 29th November the churches are allowed to have only 1 person for 15 m<sup>2</sup>. Now we are thinking of renting a hall for a couple of Sundays that would allow us to meet in a larger number keeping the restrictions and social distance.*

## **Siedlce**

Daga’s colleague’s mom visited our church last Sunday. The lady (name Martha) was born deaf, but she speaks really well and she lip-reads. I gave her the order of the service written on a paper together with my whole sermon. She very much liked our service, and she stayed for a tea after it. She is willing to attend regularly and she is hoping to bring her daughter (Rose) with her. We are hoping to meet with them and be involved in their lives searching for the opportunities to preach the gospel to them. This situation also caused us to think that maybe we should try to make our services somehow available to deaf people (either with subtitles or with sign language). You can certainly pray for this.

We are planning to do a wee renovation and change the background for our videos. We would like to make our services available online in as good quality as possible. In order to do that we will have to buy some new electronics, but we are sure it is worth investing. We find that over almost 15 years of the church's existence the most effective way of reaching new people is the internet. By no means we are going to move toward the “online church” or a “multi site church”, however we want to use the tools of the internet as much as it is possible.

## **Łuków**

Soon we will have an official membership at a church in Łuków. It takes so long as we don’t want anyone to sign our confession of faith if he or she disagrees with it. And there is one person with some adventist background that holds some views that diverge from our doctrinal statement.

## **Grandma’s case**

As you remember, 5 months ago my grandma was murdered in her house. For a long time we knew nearly nothing. I still cannot tell you much more but what I can say now is that the solid proofs are found and the murderer is identified and found, they even know the place where he stays! However there will be some problems with bringing him to Polish court. That’s all I can tell you. You can pray for that. Thank God for the good work of the police.

## **Expository Preaching lectures**

Recently I gave a lecture about Expository Preaching at RDE conference (Together For the Gospel) about 9 marks of the healthy church. Because of the restrictions the speaker for that very lecture could not travel from England and there was someone needed to fill that gap. At the conference I was kind of shocked when I learnt that the person whom I am responsible to step in for is David Jackman from Proclamation Trust! It was my first lecture in my life and I enjoyed it thoroughly.

It also turned out that our local conference in Siedlce on preaching that we were planning to organise with the help of Proclamation Trust is also not going to work as John Samuel also could not come to Poland. We therefore decided to give it a try and we agreed that I will prepare 4 lectures on preaching and Ben will conclude the conference with one. I already have two of four lectures prepared but not long ago we learnt that due to the new restrictions we will have to cancel it. However we are going to organise it in a different time, when the restrictions will allow us to do so.

**Brothers and Sisters, thank you for your prayers and your support.**

If you would like to pray for us, here are some pointers:

**Please keep praying for our health** – we know that “the outer man is decaying”, but at the same time it is good to use our bodies for God’s glory, and the ministry looks easier when that body is in a rather better shape.

One of the young members from the church - Krzysztof, has some pretty serious “mental/emotional disorder”. He is now under observation at the hospital. Pray for him and his family.

**Please pray for the fruit of our online ministry.**

**Please pray for the unity in this virus related trial time for the church!**

**Please do check how The Gospel in The Centre website is progressing!**

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**May the Lord bless you richly**

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