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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Poland!

Thank you for all your prayers and support. Here is some news about the church and our life:

The church

We are welcoming a new member into our congregation. His name is Rafał. He was “around” the church for a few years. For quite a long time we were not sure if we should baptise him or not. Not long ago we were able to sit together many times with a book on the Gospel. With another elder we have come to the conclusion that he is born again and that there are genuine signs of trust in the gospel and repentance. On 1st August we had a baptismal service.

There are a few new people who started to come to church some time ago. With three of them we have gone through the resources on the gospel.

There is **Konrad** whose wife was initially preventing him from coming to church, but now she is a bit more relaxed about him not identifying as a Catholic anymore. We have talked about the gospel many times and there are many signs that he really believes the gospel. Still I would like to see a little bit more clear “u-turn” in his life.

There is **Adam**, whose life situation is very specific due to his overprotective parents. You wouldn't believe how crazy things he had gone through with his ultra catholic parents including rebuking demons of disobedience and commanding him in the name of Jesus with the use of a crucifix to eat his porridge! In my personal opinion it qualifies for a legal case! But that's just a tiny percent of what Adam had gone through in his life. Years ago when he was struggling with constant condemnation because of his sins (and things that he thought were sins!), he had come across some protestant teaching on the forgiveness of sins. He heard that Christ paid for the sins of sinners in order for them to be free from condemnation. He experienced great relief. I personally think that this was the time when he trusted the gospel, but because of many life circumstances he was able to find a church only now. There is genuine understanding of his sinfulness, genuine repentance in him. After quite a few conversations I have no doubt that he understands and believes the gospel, but because he is well educated and very analytical he still has some doubts and questions about the Bible and God. Jan, who is one of our elders, meets with him regularly and they read and study the gospel of Luke together using John Blanchard's concise commentary.

There is also **Kamil** who in the past was attending the church and home group (I was in Scotland then). Recently I met with him many times and we talked about the gospel. He says that now he finally realizes what it means that “the Son of God became a man and died on the cross for our salvation” (it is a phrase that all the Catholic children have to memorize).

A week ago we had a visitor in the Łuków church - a young lady **Kasia** (Kate) who is going through many struggles in life now. She had some contacts with protestant churches in the past and she has now moved to Łuków.

Let me encourage you to join us in prayer for those people.

Ben and his family are coming back to Poland on 24th August. In September Daga and I are planning to have a two weeks holiday. Ben will start preaching from Thessalonians, while I will continue with Mark's Gospel.

We are hoping to come back to the regular midweek prayer meeting once school starts.

Family

You probably remember that at the end of May Daga had a conversation with her managers and was ready to resign from her job. They offered her much better conditions so she decided to extend her contract. She was to be moved to another store sometime in July. Then due to certain circumstances it had to be changed to August. Recently it was to be from September. A month ago Daga insisted that although she has not moved to another store yet, she wants to work similar shifts as she would work there. So they set up their working schedule in a much better way. I can't even explain how big a difference it is for me to start my day at 6am regularly. The quality of life and productivity is just so much better. However, last month, Daga's excellent shop assistant skills attracted a certain lady who offered her a job in Castorama (something like B&Q in the UK but much bigger), a place where Daga actually was dreaming to work. Last week she went to a job interview and she got that job. Soon she will submit her resignation at her present place of work. It is already agreed with the supervisors. Let me encourage you to join us in prayer of praise and thanksgiving for this great blessing.

Last Wednesday Daga had a theory test for her driving licence. She passed it and on Saturday she had her first driving lesson. I doubt that she will be able to pass the driving test before my deputation (due to circumstances not her abilities!) but who knows. Let's pray for it.

Please continue to pray with us for:

-Kinga, Elwira – they were supposed to be prepared for baptism this spring/summer. However for some reasons both we and they decided to wait.

-Thomas' family - Zbigniew and Ewa meet with me quite regularly to read John Blanchard's book "Right with God". I am hoping to move their interest in Christianity to a more personal/heart level.

-Pray that God would call elders for the church.

-Pray for new workers for the church plants in Łuków and possibly for Biała Podlaska in the future.

With love and many blessings

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