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“And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.”

Dear Friends,

We are thankful to the Lord for this verse in 1 Corinthians 2:3 and the apostle’s experience in Corinth. Our own situation in the past ten months has intimidated us and we cannot say we have not been fearless. And also in a sense, we shared Paul’s experience he had in Galatia ‘through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first (Gal 4:13).

As you may remember my wife and I went through Covid last Christmas and the New Year. It left us with some health issues we still have to struggle with. For both of us, it seems to result in body weakness. Aneta is still having some problems with her heart and needs to visit the cardiologist at least twice a year. When I thought things got better for me health-wise I got sciatica since the end of May. It was so bad that I could not walk for a hundred meters without stopping. Its grip on me has eased but the problem has not gone yet.

What is more, Aneta was unemployed since the beginning of this year. Our city is not the best place as far as looking for work is concerned. So, we lived for eight months not knowing how long it will take her to find a job that would help to meet our needs. Our Lord was good to us, and she has had a job since the beginning of September being employed in Warsaw but working from home.

In the midst of all this and lockdown when all our meetings were online and after a few months of work of a committee that produced a report with some recommendations to our church plant, we decided to become part of an Evangelical Christian Church. Our application was accepted by the board of the denomination in October. A few weeks later, the Polish government sent us a document confirming our congregation as a second congregation of the Evangelical Christian Church in Włocławek.

Starting a new church is a big challenge and although we have been determined to do it and believe it is God's will, there are things that keep us awake at night. Our group consists of just over thirty men, women, young people and children that need a suitable meeting place. The place we are renting at the moment can be used only on Sundays. Our prayer meeting, midweek Bible study, and Bible teaching for our young people are online only.

We also need to reach out and make ourselves known to the wider public in our area and that is a challenge for a church that does not have a permanent meeting place.

We are thankful to our God we could complete the work on *Who Made God. Searching for a Theory of Everything* by Edgar Andrews. The book has been published. I am doing the last check of *The Compelling Community* by Mark Dever and Jamie Dunlop. *The Christian Life* by Sinclair Ferguson has been translated and is undergoing the first check and editing. There are two other books Legatio needs to decide on publishing depending on the availability of funds.

The recent economic situation with rising inflation, prices of petrol, gas, energy and basic products seems to be another test that we may go through soon. Not mentioning the testing of the border between Poland and Belarus.

The weaknesses, fears, trembling and illness did not stop Paul the Apostle from pursuing and doing the will of God. He learned a lesson from God: 'My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly, therefore, will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Cor 12:9). We still need to learn a lot about the grace of God.

Aneta & Krzysztof, Legatio, and The Second Evangelical Christian Church in Włocławek value your prayers and support.

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