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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continuing support and prayers! Let me give you a brief summary of the passing summer and bring to you some of the plans and news.

We have begun this summer with a wonderful event of baptising two couples – Zbigniew and Ewa and Piotr and Ola. I try to meet with Piotr and Ola every week trying to root them in foundational biblical truths. I am really encouraged with their progress. Piotr is self-employed and his business which has to do with health and safety products is not in a great condition due to the economical crisis. It is certainly a great test of his trust. Piotr is teachable and humble and I am hoping that I will be able to prepare him for a ministry of elder. But obviously it is a long journey ahead of us. However, for the first time in my life I feel like we have a man at church who has a potential for pastoral ministry and is not disqualified for various reasons! Please join me in prayer for this couple. I am also planning to start regular meetings with Zbigniew and Ewa.

You probably remember that some time before those two baptisms we also baptised Ben's daughter – Aleya, and Kamil. I was planning on meeting with Kamil on a regular basis which for about two months I was able to do. Then he literally vanished. He doesn't reply to my text messages. He deleted Messenger and Facebook account. Jan, our fellow-elder was trying to get in touch with him and nothing. Who knows what is going on, but I presume that it might have something to do with a new relationship with one girl. I met with her two or three times to talk about the gospel as she wanted to be baptised just as he was, but after a few meetings she stopped replying to my messages. Mysterious case indeed!

Vitalii and Veronica – Some of you already know that Veronica a few weeks ago landed in hospital where she prematurely gave birth to their fourth child, a wee boy – Kyril. His weight was just 4.4lbs. Since then, Kyril (who was born in the 7th month) stays in an incubator. He started to lose weight (what apparently is even normal!) but just recently he had a fever. Now he is on antibiotics. All this is very difficult for his parents, especially for Weronika who cannot even hug her little son. Please pray for them as they are troubled by fear for their little boy.

Yulia, for whom we were able to find accommodation just after the war began, is getting better. Her language improves slowly but it improves. She just started a very intensive course of the Polish language after which she is hoping to be able to find a “clerical” job. She is a bit handicapped so all the manual jobs are not an option for her, so it drastically narrows down the job offers. Her son Pasha (Pavlo) is attending school (2nd grade). After some time at school, and a couple of youth camps, he already speaks Polish very well. He is a very energetic and joyful wee lad. Totally different from how he was in the first week of their arrival here. Yulia corrects sermons for me before every Sunday. They are automatically translated by google translate to Ukrainian. We display them while I preach. This way even though Ukrainians are capable of understanding Polish pretty well, they have this additional support.

Wednesday evening worship service – from 7th September we are going to return to our midweek meetings, though I am planning to change the format of it. I am planning to organise it more as an evening worship service rather than a prayer group. I am hoping to stir up a worship reaction in the hearts of people by some preaching and teaching. We are going to start by teaching a series on King and Kingdom. Simple biblical theology with devotional elements. Vaughan (still a mystery for me why so many letters why not VAWN?) Roberts' book “God's Big Picture” and “Bible in a day” seminars from Edinburgh Bible College are going to be my main source of support. I am also hoping to add some catechetical elements to those meetings. Perhaps memorising the first

two questions from Heidelberg Catechism will be a good start. Bear in mind that the word “catechism” sounds like a profanity in evangelical circles in this country! Join with me in prayer for attendance and good fruit.

Friday evening English meetings – In July on Fridays I started to meet with a group of English-speaking people from our church. We have two Filipino girls, and one girl from America who married a Polish chap from our area. We read a book about the gospel, sometimes listen to a short devotional, and pray together. What’s interesting, I find preparing material for teaching/preaching in English easier than in Polish. For my preparation I use only English resources so it saves my time enormously if I don’t have to translate the concepts, definitions, outline, quotations etc. English is indeed the language of great divines.

Beware of a new driver! – I am privileged to announce that Daga passed her driving test (at first try), received her licence and she already drives on her own. For the first few times I assisted her but now she is able to drive alone. It will be a great improvement in our life. Often, I had to spend around 2 hours a day driving her to work and picking her up. Though we enjoyed that time together I am sure I will be able to use it in a much more fruitful way.

Please continue to pray for us and the things I mentioned above. The Lord bless you richly. I enclose a quote from one of the old timers that I hope you will find encouraging as I do:

“Did Christ finish His work for us? Then there can be no doubt but He will also finish His work in us.

John Flavel

With love and many blessings
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