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Introducing Samuel and Krystyna Pike

Hello, everybody!

Recently, you may have noticed that our names at WorldVenture have changed from Mike and Agnieszka Green to Samuel and Krystyna Pike. We understand that this might have caused you some confusion, and we're truly sorry for any inconvenience or questions it might have raised for you. I'd love to explain why we thought this name change was necessary.

A while back, Agnieszka and I were attending a missions conference here in Krakow. One of the speakers, a Polish man, also had his Ph.D. and was teaching at a university in a different city. After the conference, I went up to him and said that I was thinking of teaching at either a seminary or a university in Poland after I completed my studies. I also told the man

about my own history in Poland: that I've been a missionary here for 34 years, and I still have that same passion. But now I'm looking for a

ministry that focuses on academia, research, and leadership development. He kindly suggested that I might want to consider refraining from using the title of missionary, as it might be perceived as offensive to Roman Catholics working at universities.

On the one hand, I will always see myself as a missionary, because I believe it is my calling. At the same time, I see God opening up new doors into the world of secular academia here in Poland. My degree will be a Ph.D in intercultural studies. This is, in fact, a degree in missiology and cultural anthropology; thus, it will open up possible opportunities for me in both seminaries and universities.

Taking the above advice into consideration and speaking with WorldVenture, they suggested we change our names so that if someone searched the internet for Michael Green, they would not be able to find our profile on WorldVenture's website. Many missionaries use this tactic, especially those who are ministering in either closed countries or in countries that could put them in life-threatening situations if it were discovered that they are missionaries.

Just as Paul tried to be all things to all people (1 Corinthians 9:22), I am trying to use his strategy to bring the Gospel to as many people as possible. While there are ministries for university students, there are few attempts to bring the Gospel to scholars. I'm really hoping to do that. I hope this clears up any confusion you might have had. We are still missionaries with WorldVenture and will remain so until our retirement.

Opportunities for this year

I'm still analyzing my data, and I plan to start writing my dissertation in the spring. At the same time, I was invited to present a paper at the University of Gdansk at the end of May. At the start of July, the 9th or 10th, I'll be hosting a seminar for anyone interested in starting a church or nurturing their existing one. This will be online, so if you want, you can join the seminar. Lastly, I was just asked by the Dean of the Baptist Seminary here in Poland to write a book chapter based on my research about how the church was impacted by the pandemic.

me discernment about whether this book chapter proposal is a good project to pursue. The reason for the concern has to do with the fact that my study reveals the strengths, weaknesses, and struggles of the churches that I have studied. Some of these things are sensitive issues, and it's important to handle them with care.

Fruit from Mike's research is starting to show

One of the churches I studied had a really tough time before and during the pandemic. In 2019, the pastor decided to step down from his role due to feeling overwhelmed. Then, in 2020, right before the pandemic, the church discovered that this same pastor was divorcing his wife. The situation has become even more intense because this pastor was especially liked by the church. As a result, the fallout, disillusionment, and extreme disappointment because of these things were immense. On top of that, all the events during the pandemic only added to the church's trauma. They called their next pastor, who unfortunately only lasted three years. They tried to call the next pastor, but he was not elected by only a couple of votes. Once again, this only added more fuel to the fire.

I was able to talk with the head of this church's board. My intent was to encourage and give comfort. On the one hand, this church is an example of persevering through fire. On the other hand, it is a church that has suffered and is still traumatized by all of the above. The head of the board was really encouraged by what I said, and they're open to me sharing the results of my study as they try to find a way forward. Personally, my research has shown me that people can grow more spiritually during or after times of crisis. If they take a moment to reflect on it, the crisis can reveal who they really are as Christian individuals and as a church, rather than who they think they are.

During my course of study, that conversation gave me more joy and satisfaction as I was able to speak to and encourage a church leader who was struggling. It encapsulates why I am pursuing my degree to help the church.

Mike and Agnieszka

Pray with us

- We are thankful to God for all of you and how your prayers and support are a blessing to us. Thank you!
- Mike is thankful for the opportunities that God is opening up before him.
- We are thankful that Agnieszka's disease has not been causing her too much pain, fatigue, and restless nights. She has her good and bad days, but in all is doing much better.
- Pray for Agnieszka's dad, who is undergoing testing for his thyroid. He will need a medical procedure to deal with it. This is important as his thyroid is also affecting his heart arrhythmia.
- Continue to pray that God would give Agnieszka strength and alleviate her muscle pain.
- Continue to pray for the different women that Agnieszka is mentoring: Angel, Marzena, Natalia, and Stanislaw. Especially pray for Natalia as she is looking to study something other than nursing.
- Continue to pray for Mike as he continues to analyze his data, then write his dissertation, prepare for the conferences, and write the book chapter.

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