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Breaking out in exclamation of thanks to God...

Hello, dear friends!

Here in Poland, we are exactly halfway through the summer holidays. As usual, some of us have just returned from vacation – beautifully tanned and well-rested – while others, looking a little paler and more tired, are still counting down the days, or even the hours, until they can finally escape their daily routines and enjoy some well-deserved rest.

Both groups would probably break out in exclamations of gratitude for the sunshine, travel, and everything else that comes with the holiday season if you asked them. Mike and I are spending these summer months at home in Krakow, but we have our own reasons to be thankful, too. More precisely, we have a whole bunch of "reasons", and just as with the Apostle Paul, these are **people**.

“Every time it crosses my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanksgiving to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God’s Message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.”

Flp 1:3-6 (The Message)

... for our former students of the School of Missions

In our last letter, we wrote about a short trip to northern Poland, to Gdansk. While we were there, Agnieszka had the chance to meet with several people who completed the training at our School of Missions some time ago. If we ever needed confirmation that our work there was worthwhile, this group has given us more than enough.



This December, **Karolina** will travel to Kenya for the fourth time, and **Tomek** (her husband) for the third. There, they help in several villages, working with a school and an orphanage.



Marta has visited Nepal three times, working with a local church and an orphanage.



God placed the peoples of remote Siberia and the translation of the Bible into their languages on **Dorota's** heart (first on the left). She is probably the most determined person we know. Since graduating from our school, she has managed to pass her high school graduation exams - in her fifties! - earn a bachelor's degree from a seminary, and learn English from scratch, which enabled her, among other things, to complete a training course for Bible translators in England and a year-long internship in the Netherlands. She had to accomplish all of this in order to assist in Bible translation

Basia, Swieta, Grzesiek (unfortunately, he is not in the picture) - they have served on short-term mission trips to Moldova, some of them several times. For many years, they have also been deeply involved in organizing regular meetings with missionaries and mission conferences at their church.

What a blessing it is to know these people! Whenever we meet - whether at our home in Kraków or at theirs in Gdańsk - it is always a precious time of sharing, listening, praying, and laughing out loud.

... for former coworkers

We met **Aneta and Marcin** many years ago, when they came to Kraków as a young married couple and became part of the small church plant we were involved in at the time. They soon became our coworkers in the church and, later, after moving to Gdańsk, also in the School of Missions. In their new city, God led them to plant a new church, which they continue to serve faithfully to this day despite many challenges. It was wonderful to spend a few days with them and to worship the Lord together with their church. And because Mike has always had a heart for supporting small congregations, we will be returning to northern Poland at the end of August to encourage Marcin and Aneta, and for Mike to teach during the Sunday service. We hope to visit them regularly, every two or three months.



...for a new generation of Christian academics

Speaking of events and people we are thankful for, I (Mike) am thankful for the next generation of Christian academics that I was able to meet at the University of Gdańsk. One such person is Irmina. She lives in Gdańsk with her husband, who is a pastor. Her research revolves around the process of grief and its importance in the lives of

with their savior. While this is true, it does not allow those who are experiencing loss to share that publicly with their congregations. I was later able to call Irmina, and we talked about the importance of authenticity in the church. I am thankful for the ability to make such wonderful contacts, which could point to future ministry possibilities. I am also thankful that there is an up-and-coming group of Evangelical academics who are exposing Polish academia to Protestantism, and also doing research that can make a difference in the local church.

...for our international church community

In June, we went away together as a church for the first time. We spent four days in the beautiful Tatra Mountains in southern Poland. If your church has never been on a retreat like this, you definitely should! There is something special about building relationships away from the rush of everyday life, when we simply have time for prayer, fun, discussions, soccer, walks, and much more.



During those four days, our people led 12 workshops and organized fun activities and evening worship. It seemed like almost everyone was serving others in one way or another.

We thank God for our church - for our people - where we can be blessed and be a blessing.



And who makes you break out in an exclamation of thanks to God?

Like Paul, every time they cross your mind, pray for them with a glad heart.

On our list, there are many, many more people, including you :-) We thank God for putting you in our lives, and we are grateful for your continual encouragement, prayers, and support.

Mike and Agnieszka

Pray with us

- Thank with us for all those people we mentioned above, their lives, dedication, perseverance, faithfulness, and love for God and for people.
- Pray for our trip to Gdańsk in August - that God would use us to encourage our friends and Mike to encourage this very small church.
- Pray for our church - that God would raise new people to join the leadership team and provide us with a new place for our Sunday services. The hotel where we have rented meeting rooms for the past two years is changing its profile and the way those rooms will be used.
- Pray for strength and perseverance for Mike as he works on his doctorate. Sometimes the journey is hardest when the finish line is already in sight.

Partner with us

We hope you'll take a moment to think about partnering with us. There are a few ways you can get involved: by starting to financially support our ministry, increasing your support, or making a one-time gift.

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