

This is a very late September letter— because of Mike's travels to the States and the resulting disruption, we never sent out a letter in this format.

The Petersen Update

Summer and fall I review

Several exciting things happened this summer. In July we had Bible Club and 12 to 20 children and young people came daily to play games, hear a Bible lesson, learn verses, and have an English lesson. We



were pleased with the turnout, overall, and the spirit of those participating was very good. One teen and his mom attend our services

regularly from contact that we first made in Bible Club in years past.

Prayer Requests:

1. Salvation of several of those who come to church. Please pray for God to open their eyes to the truth of the simplicity of the gospel.
2. Our children in the states—esp. Tim's health. We still owe about \$1000 for incurred expenses this summer.
3. New contacts and ideas on how to make/maintain them.
4. Upcoming Christmas outreach in December (see back)

Praises:

1. Summer camp went well and one camper made a profession of faith upon returning!
2. We had a baptismal service in early September with 2 Polish ladies baptized (a very significant step of faith in this peer pressure society).
3. A gift to cover deductible costs of Mike's knee surgery.

In July also we took 5 young people to camp in southern Poland. Two of the 5 were our own children and 3 Polish teens. When they returned, one of the Polish teens was obviously under strong conviction and she accepted Christ the day after getting back!



On September 4th Mike baptized her and a young mother, who had accepted Christ in a Bible Study with Becky. Both had unsaved friends come to witness their baptism .

Then Mike left for a 7 week trip to the states to AK, AZ, SC, and FL. He visited churches in each of these places and spent time with our college kids in SC. We are grateful for the Lord's provision and safety during this time.

While Mike was gone, we had visiting speakers on two Sundays, and a missionary friend in Krakow, Jon Glass, graciously allowed our group to join in with his group via *Skype* on 5 Sundays. It was a first for our group and, while not the best (*Skype* does not have the clearest picture at our internet speeds and when blown up to wall size), our assembly learned weekly from sound Biblical preaching. It was an experiment that fulfilled a need and was, for the most part, successful.

We are now in the process of preparing for our Christmas outreach. Becky has already started scanning the store ads and organizing presents and lists. I know that many of you have participated in this in previous years. More of this on the back

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From Becky...

Summers in Poland are simply too short! The kids have about two months off of school (we all wish they had three months!) and everyone tries to put all the camps, vacation trips and relaxation into these two months. This can create „tension” in itself. However, our kids were able to go to a week of camp, we had Bible Club for a week and we took a few days here and there to visit a few sites in Poland. We didn’t take any real „vacation” per se. The typical Polish person has 26 days of vacation (paid) a year and they often take a trip for at least 2 weeks in the summer somewhere abroad. If not abroad, they go the Polish mountains, seaside, or lakes region. They take the rest of their vacation spread out throughout the year (skiing in the winter, etc.).



I was also able to go back to visit the states in two weeks and participate in the missions (with Mike—see front side) conference in our mission board’s church. During that two week trip, I also hopped over to SC to see our college kids for two days and then went to see my parents and sister’s family in FL for a few days. I am grateful for safe travels. Lydia and Daniel held down the fort here.



Looking ahead...I usually talk about our Christmas outreach in this letter. Since I’m writing this September letter quite late, we are already in the middle of Christmas party preparations.



We usually are able to visit all of our area children’s homes and take them presents and present a Christmas program. This gives the children in the home exposure to us and it gives our organization a chance to officially do something charitable. We are here under the auspices of this organization and because we are an „official organization”, it is good to do something like that is officially „charity”. Of course, we give the children/young people tracts, the gospel story, and tell them all that the money was actually given to us by our Baptist friends in the states. If you would like to help with this outreach, we would be thrilled. **We are hoping to be able to provide 350 gifts this year for the area poor.** Please pray for the Lord’s provision. If you want to help, you can either send it to our mission board and mark it designated Polish Christmas or send it via Paypal to PolishChristmas@solidrockpl.org Thanks so much!!! We couldn’t do it without you. **Each present is \$15 and each candy bag is \$5.** Our dollar is doing a bit better than last year this time due to the financial crisis in Europe—wish I could say it was up 1/3 or something like that, but it hasn’t happened—but it is up a bit—and every little bit helps!) If you want to keep up with pictures of this outreach via Facebook, just write an email note and I’ll send a link.

— Thanks again for your prayers and support as well as your love and concern for us!

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