SUMMER 2018 SHORT-TERM TEAMS

Summer 2018 was a full and productive season as PCM once again hosted several U.S. teams in Poland. We focused mainly on six initiatives: 1) the camp for Holocaust survivors from Israel; 2) the Ukrainian children's camp; 3) a Polish youth camp; 4) an outreach with the new church in Bemowo (Warsaw); 5) a work project and English classes with the church in Nysa; and 6) a week of English classes with the church in Ciechanów. Through these initiatives we see Polish people impacted as they encounter a "lived-out" version of the Gospel. The Polish churches are encouraged and the American teams are blessed as together they see God at work. A big THANK YOU to all those who participated and a big WE INVITE YOU to churches/individuals in the States who might consider coming to Poland in the future. We look forward to all God has yet to do as together we seek to advance God’s kingdom in Poland.
Although PCM has hosted U.S. interns in Poland for several years, we have just begun extending an invitation to Polish interns to serve in U.S. churches. We are discovering that we have much to learn from one another. This year we had eight interns - three in Poland and five in the States - serving in a variety of ministries. Here are a few words from our interns:

**Paulina Stiebler**, our first intern from Germany, served with the church in Ostróda and also Ostróda Camp. Paulina writes,

> “God took me on an experience to Poland. He decided to take me to beautiful Ostróda. I was able to learn a lot about Polish people, the language, about culture in general, and about the Word of God. I am very thankful for Oksana and Kyle and also Pastor Zbigniew for taking care of me during my time in Ostróda…. God provided for me through them. During my time in Poland I got closer to God.”

**Olek Podwysocki**, a student from Warsaw, Poland, served his second internship at the Post Road CC in Indianapolis, IN. He worked primarily with the Camp Connect program for kids and also helped create/edit video for their media department. Olek shares,

> “I really learned how to trust God while I was there - like really. That was new to me. I had never taken such a step of faith before.”

**Pawel Stepien and his wife, Marta**, from Głogów, Poland, served at the Tomoka CC, Palm Bay, FL. Pawel recently completed CSM’s 3-year music/worship school and this summer served as a drummer on the worship team at Palm Bay. Pawel shares,

> “I was overjoyed to meet so many people loving and serving God and to realize this is happening all over the world.”

**Michał Drewulski**, an electrical engineering student at the University of Technology in Bialystok, Poland, served at the New Hope CC, in Whitestown, IN. Michał writes,

> “The most important things of this internship were the people (so many genuine people and families who love God), the focus on the Bible, and the focus on missions. I was encouraged to study the Bible more and to focus more time on making disciples.”
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**Nathan Fielder**, studying neuroscience and psychology at the University of Kentucky, served six weeks in Poland. Nathan writes, “Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve in Poland. It has changed my life, my perspective on mission, and my relationship with my heavenly Father.”

**Tori Janacek**, studying English Education at the University of Missouri, served for a third time in Poland. Tori shares, “During my time in Poland, I find that God always reminds me how faithful He is. He helps me to understand - and to trust - that His will for my life is good.”

**Iwona Robel**, studying biomedical engineering at the University of Science and Technology in Wroclaw, Poland, served at the Western Hills CC in Lawton, OK. Iwona writes, “It was a great blessing for me to be there … to experience the love and kindness that people from the church showed me everyday. Every day spent there was a huge inspiration and a great opportunity to learn new things.”

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PCM has established two funds to accommodate designated giving for Polish next-generation ministry leaders and church building projects in Poland. The C. Wayne Murphy Fund was established in 2015 in memory of PCM's second Executive Director. The purpose of this fund is to assist in the equipping and training of Polish ministry interns as they become the next-generation ministry leaders. This past summer five Polish ministry interns spent quality time at four US churches. I am thankful for these churches who invested in these young leaders and for those who have given to the CWM fund to make this training possible.

The Paul Bajko Building Fund was established in 2017 in memory of PCM's founder and director for over 40 years. His love for the church and helping Polish pastors (especially helping them build a church building or renovate an old space) was evident through his life's dedication to serving the nation of Poland. PCM set an initial 2-year goal (2017-2018) of raising $175,000 for this fund to help Polish churches build or renovate.

Please consider giving to one of these funds so that leaders will be developed and places of worship will be established throughout the nation of Poland.

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