



Polish Christian Ministries

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2020 BUILDING PROJECTS



We give thanks to God that the work in Poland continues. So far in 2020, PCM has been involved in funding 11 church building and renovation projects. The church in Płock is well on their way constructing a 2-story addition. The Christian school of music has purchased a building and the grounds have been cleared. In Białogard, the downstairs fellowship hall and kitchen are finished and the restroom is nearly completed. The church in Połczyn Zdrój finished a guest apartment for hosting visitors. The roof is going up in Biała Podlaska. The wall repair in Bielsk Podlaski is underway. Renovation is taking place in Pabianice as they create a coffeehouse-style ministry. In Warsaw West the church is relocating and will develop a new space. Recording equipment was purchased for the church in Sosnowiec. Renovation on the third floor of the church in Lidzbark Welski is ongoing. The blueprints are ready for the new building in Dąbrowa Górnicza. Each of these projects are funded via our "3 for 3 in 3" campaign. THANK YOU to all who have given. God is faithful.

\$96,394 (as of 8/21/20)

DREAM BIG

3 for 3 in 3

\$300,000 for 3 projects in 3 years

*church buildings *scholarships *worship training center

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Polish pastors met in June for a shortened version of the annual pastors' conference. Fortunately, with Covid-19 restrictions in place, they were still able to meet. For many, the pandemic has presented a series of challenges as they seek to lead their congregations. It is always good to interact with others to find encouragement. Please pray for the Polish pastors as they make necessary adjustments in ministry while keeping their eyes fixed on Jesus.



IN SPITE OF COVID-19

PCM has been hosting several meetings with Polish and U.S. churches via Zoom. We hosted a leadership training meeting with the church leadership in Płock and renewed our Agreement of Understanding. During one fund-raising event, twenty-four U.S. churches and forty-five individuals attended. We recorded a greeting for an online service in Olsztyn. We were invited to mission team meetings in Florida and Indiana. One U.S. church asked for a communion meditation and others for a mission moment to use in their online services. Although we miss meeting "in person" with our partners in Poland and supporters in the States, we are thankful for the technology by which we can still communicate and at times reach even a greater number of people.



BUILDING CSM

For the last few years CSM (Christian school of music/worship) has been praying for a building of their own. Up to this point they have been meeting in a renovated garage. This spring an opportunity arose to purchase a building with about an acre of land to serve as Step #1 of their vision. We value this ministry as they are training worship leaders for the local churches throughout Poland. This building project is one of our "3 for 3 in 3" initiatives. To learn more about CSM's vision, go to: <https://csm.edu.pl/building-csm/>





NEW PCM ADDRESS

Beginning October 1, 2020, PCM will make a shift in how funds are received and recorded. Lois Harris, who has faithfully served PCM since 1994, will be semi-retiring, and Liz Mentzer, our financial assistant, will be retiring. On August 1, 2020, PCM entered into a relationship with Tower Accounting, a Christian financial organization, who will be responsible for receiving and depositing funds. **Our new PCM address for sending donations is: Polish Christian Ministries 740 N. Shortridge Rd #19094, Indianapolis, IN 46219**

“MIŁO MI”

We invite you to our “Polish Christian Ministries” Facebook page to meet our Polish partners. “Miło mi” (MEE-woh me) means, “Nice to meet you” in Polish. Meet Jacek ...

Jacek Konicki grew up in Warsaw. His father an alcoholic, Jacek and his brother grew up more on the streets than at home. His older brother was a skinhead and Jack a hooligan who often got into fights on the street. In 1995 during a Billy Graham broadcast, Jacek received Christ and became part of the Christian fellowship. Unfortunately, his mother died of cancer and a few years later his father died of a heart attack. His brother married, so Jacek was alone. He founded a Christian rock band “Euangelion” and for 15 years played concerts, mostly in prisons. Jacek fell in love with prison ministry and has been involved in it for 20 years. He volunteered for military service and then began serving professionally with the police. After theological studies, Jacek was ordained in 2012 and became the first clergyman in Poland to be an active policeman. In 2015, he moved with his family to Plock to serve as the lead pastor. He and his wife, Kasia, have four children. In 2020, he retired from the police force to serve the church full-time. Jacek’s passion is leading people to Jesus.



GLOBAL GATHERING 2021

Mark your calendars to join us in Warsaw, Poland, for the Global Gathering (June 3-6).
 Trip #1: May 30 - June 12 includes Kraków/ Auschwitz and a Polish church initiative.
 Trip #2: May 30 - June 7 includes Kraków/ Auschwitz.
 Trip #3: June 1-12 includes a Polish church initiative.
 Costs to be announced in November.

THANK YOU, JOHN

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to John Shelley who served for eight years on PCM's board. His heart for prayer and his commitment to the mission has been such an encouragement to us all. John will continue as the mission team advocate for PCM at the Kissimmee Christian Church in Kissimmee, Florida.



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As we navigate the waters of this global pandemic, may we not lose hope in our God and Savior, Jesus Christ. The prophet Isaiah says, "The LORD is the Everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isa. 40:28-31). Our Hope does not disappoint. Our Hope is an anchor for our soul. Our Hope will bring us safely to the other side.

In 1976, Liz Mentzer came to Eastern Christian College to serve in the financial office. She soon began teaching in the music department. During this time, she met one of ECC's students, Lois Martin (Harris). They became lifetime friends. Lois Harris has served as PCM's Administrative Assistant since 1994 and Liz has served as our Financial Assistant for the past seven years. Liz is retiring on October 1st and Lois will be reducing her workload by 80%. I would like to say, "THANK YOU for a job well done!" to both of these ladies. Together, they have expressed their hope in the LORD and He has renewed their strength. Our God has received great glory through their lives and ministries. Thank you, Lois and Liz!

ATTENTION: PLEASE NOTE PCM'S NEW ADDRESS FOR DONATIONS ONLY: (effective October 1st)

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(Correspondence only may still be sent to:
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