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Polish Christian Ministries

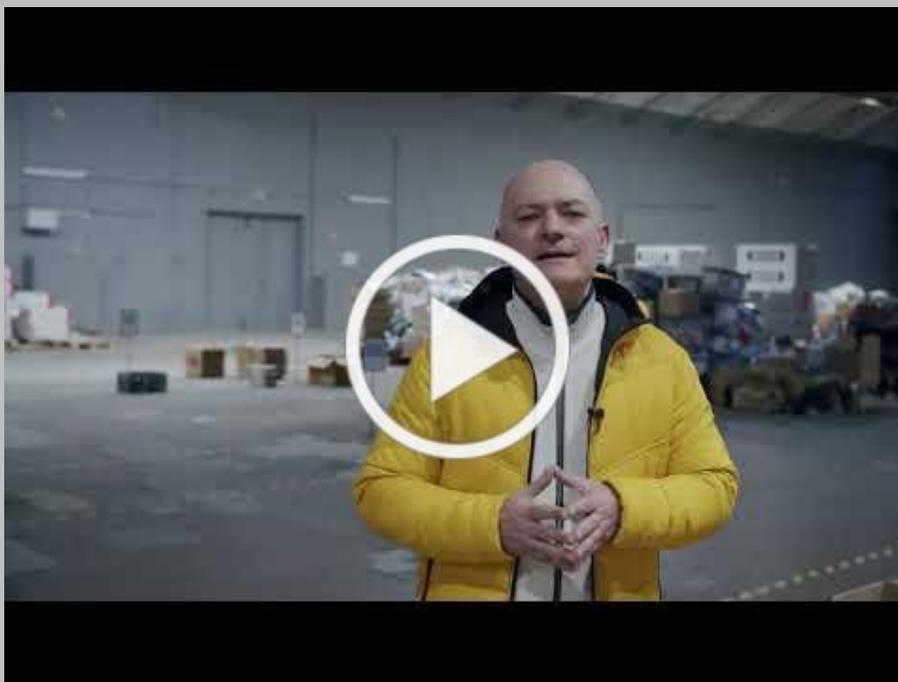
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The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Psalm 9:9

PRAISE GOD

How we praise God for the hundreds of people who have donated to the Ukrainian refugee fund! To date, we have sent \$242,000 to Poland to help with refugee relief efforts. The funds from PCM are being distributed between Ostroda Camp and 23 of our Polish churches. Volunteers are working continuously to provide the needed assistance and to house refugees, both in Poland and abroad. We are highlighting in this newsletter a few of those ministries.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP SOUTH



Pastor Marek Sobotka of the Christian Fellowship South in Warsaw gives us a look at the large warehouse where they are collecting and distributing goods for the Ukrainian refugees. We thank God for this church and the many volunteers who are tirelessly serving on behalf of those in need.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WEST



On March 6, 2022, the Christian Fellowship West celebrated 5 years of ministry. Planted by the Warsaw North congregation and under the leadership of Adam and Klaudia Dulinski, this church has become well-known in the Bemowo district for their many acts of service on behalf of the city. As Ukrainian refugees began pouring into Poland, their new facility became a refugee relief "hub," where several churches and organizations have come together to coordinate their efforts. Already they have ministered to and helped find housing for more than 1,500 refugees, including organizing transportation to Switzerland, Sweden, and the Netherlands. We pray wisdom and strength for them as they serve.

OSTRODA CAMP



Ostroda Camp is hosting approximately 180 refugees. The number changes often as some leave and others arrive to take their place. We praise God for the wonderful care provided there. Here are a few stories shared by three of the Ukrainians at the camp.

A MOTHER OF FOUR

On the second day of the war, we saw military planes flying very low, right above our houses. The next day there was an explosion. The military warehouse was bombed. My kids were terrified, they were screaming ... that made me decide to abandon my country. It took us 30 minutes to pack our things. We found a transport. The night at the border was tiring.... This place is the mercy of God. We have everything we need and even more. Still, we can't wait to go home. I have my elderly parents left in Ukraine. I keep in touch with them every single day.

A STUDENT AND WIFE

I really didn't feel like leaving my home. My husband insisted on it. I would definitely stay if not for the panic I ended up in after I heard several explosions. I am a student. I was asked to take care of some kids... so, I am here with 8 kids, ages 6 – 15. I have found peace here. The kids are safe and happy. The other day all the kids got pillows in the shape of a dolphin. Now their sleep is not only carefree but also soft. As most people here, I have a husband, parents, and friends who I keep in touch with every day.

A YOUNG GIRL

When the plane was flying extremely close to our house, I was at home with my granny (age 76) who is deaf. I was so scared. I put on my coat, made my granny ready, and we went immediately to the village. I was offered to go to Poland to take care of some kids who were also going without parents. So, I am here with two sisters of mine and two cousins. Ostróda Camp is brimming with quietness and kindness. We are staying in a warm place, eating delicious food three times a day. We could even get our hair cut here. These people are amazing! My mom and dad are in Ukraine together with my grandparents. I call them every day to make sure they are alive.

IMPORTANT SUMMER UPDATE

See you in Warsaw! June 16 - 19, 2022



Due to the enormity of the refugee situation in Poland and the total involvement of the churches, the Global Gathering scheduled for June 16-19, 2022, has been postponed. Those who have already purchased tickets to come to Poland with PCM are still invited to come, but the nature and focus of the trip will obviously be different. We will be hosting a

ZOOM session to discuss possible summer trips.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, AT 10:00AM (ET).

Here are the possible scenarios:

Session I: May 20 - June 1 (4 locations)

Session II: May 31 - June 13 (4 locations)

Session III: June 13-27 (7 locations)

If you are interested, please feel free to join us. Of course, all plans are tentative and susceptible to last-minute changes as the situation in Ukraine is so uncertain.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84905566972?pwd=M0RMb2lKSDI5TXUzU3VhVktiU3BlZz09>

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Our financial support for several building projects in Poland continues. Through the funds given thus far, we have helped build/renovate eighteen Polish churches, of which four are still in progress. Thank you for your support for these projects.

PLEASE GIVE

Give to help Ukrainian refugees!

www.pemusa.org
Click on "Ways to Give"
Designate "Ukrainian refugees"

All donations go directly to refugee relief

Thank you so much to all who have given toward the Ukrainian refugee relief fund. Although a significant amount of funds have already been sent, the needs continue. All future donations will be so appreciated. May the light continue to shatter the darkness and hope abound in many hearts.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for ...

- ... being our help and refuge in times of trouble.
- ... the Polish churches and Ostroda Camp who are welcoming refugees with open arms.
- ... the overwhelming response we have received in response to the refugee relief fund.
- ... 10 baptisms at the new church plant in the city of Rzeszow (near the eastern border).
- ... all of our U.S. supporters who give so the work in Poland can continue.

Please pray for ...

- ... God to intervene to bring a swift end to the war on Ukraine.
 - ... protection for the people of Ukraine as they defend their nation.
 - ... comfort for the many refugees, several of whom are separated from family members.
 - ... wisdom and strength for our Polish partners as they care for Ukrainian refugees.
 - ... the churches in Lidzbark Welski and Radom as they are in need of pastors.
 - ... Warsaw West as they are in need of \$50,000 to pay off their loan for the new facility.
 - ... Plock as they need assistance in paying off a \$230,000 loan for their new building.
 - ... Ciechanow as they seek to raise \$50,000 by September 2022 to insulate their building.
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If your church is interested in having PCM connect with your congregation in person or via Zoom, please contact David at dave.hatfield777@gmail.com or call him at 810-923-0226.

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