

MAY-JUNE 2022 REPORT AND PRAYER LETTER

The Bible says "save those who are put to death", but I never thought that I would be able to apply these words to the practical saving of our neighbors' lives across the eastern border. With the help of your financial resources, we have been helping refugees for several months, and for almost a month now, several hundred people from the Ukrainian community who live in our county. There are 3800 families in total, but in fact about 600 are in dire need. Thank you very much for that. Since the war moved to the east of Ukraine, this number has been slowly decreasing as people return to Ukraine. So, every week we prepare a supply of food, household chemicals, and basic necessities. Of course, we have also given many New Testaments for adults and children, and evangelistic books written by Josh McDowell and others for children and teenagers - all in Ukrainian. I am posting a photo of the meeting with the boss of our county, who is the coordinator. I mentioned that you, Calvary Church, and we are working together to help those in need.

The County Office is very grateful to you and us ... they don't have any sponsors anymore. Everyone crumbled and quit after the media stopped publicizing the refugee cases. Now there is only information about what is happening in the war. This also shows the motives of some ... we were sure that the most difficult situation would be when the cameras were turned off and everyone had already taken their photos of showing help. Then what? Better government assistance in Poland and greater opportunities on the labor market are to appear from the summer holidays. A new law has also appeared in Ukraine, which will enter into force on July 1. Men will be able to go to their families in Poland to earn their living. Of course, they will have to pay for crossing the border, and these funds will be used for military purposes. This means that not everyone will be able to leave.

I would also like to write that we managed to organize help to Zaporozhe (close to the war zone) two times. The evangelical church (in the photos) is very grateful for the help provided.

Some families whom we helped directly have already returned to Ukraine - to Kiev and to Zhytomyr. In the video, the girl returned to her grandmother's house (mom is dead and dad is in the war). Grandma would like to thank you very much for helping her granddaughter and her siblings (3 people), we paid the rent twice, we provided them with supplies every week, and donated funds for the return journey. I have never really encountered such gratitude, and there were many tears shed during the farewell moment.

Thank you very much for the additional support to cover the costs of the camp for Ukrainian children in Ruptawa Christian Center. I think that 25-30 children will find a good time of peace and games here, and there will also be a biblical story and the Gospels every day. We will let you know after the holidays (vacation season) about it.

Regarding our church, we have everything ready for the retreat of our

congregation. Almost 80 people will come with us. From the pandemic, people have a longing for community with each other. We also have some families coming from outside the church. It will be a good time for evangelism and integration.

Our Kids Good News Club project comes to an end when the holidays start. We have about 10-15 children outside the church each time, every week. The work of Sunday school is also approaching the summer break. Kamilla recently had a beautiful lesson on forgiveness. It is so difficult for little ones to lecture on such things, and yet the smallest children listen to her and are staring at her like a "picture" when she talks using various props.

We are also finishing the first semester of our missionary course, and we are pleased with the presence of 34 new students, willing and ready to serve.

Our prayer is that the Lord will grant us the opportunity to rest and that the vacation period will close with our moving from the church apartment to our new place.

We are praying for the Summer Children's Club and for the Christian Culture Week in Katowice, capital of our region, which we have been helping to run for years. This year, for the first time after a pandemic to some extent, they will be able to organize it again.

Please pray about Lukasz and Dorota. They were members of our church. She decided to divorce her husband. Although he repented and changed and continues to work on himself, she does not want to believe in the durability of these changes. She cannot forgive and trust again. We pray for them. Lukasz is in constant contact with the Church, and Dorota stopped going to church when we offered marriage therapies before making decisions such as divorce. We also pray for their daughters who, although they are grown up (19 and 23 year old), have also stopped attending the congregation. They can't cope with the shame. The older daughter is depressed and needs professional help. She disagrees with mum's decisions, but feels hurt by the past of dad's relationship to mum. This is a difficult family situation.

We pray also for Peter and Estere, (they are not members yet, but attend our services), they have had a marital crisis in the past, but they've got it all behind them. Unfortunately, they are now experiencing new family problems from the father-in-law they live with. This situation sometimes leads them to differences, but they are looking for God and His guidance in all of this. Please pray for them.

We pray for the time of pregnancy of our daughter-in-law, Jadzia, due to potential possibilities to have contact with bacteria in the hospital. She has already had to leave it, according to the regulations, until the day of childbirth, and then the maternity leave period. We pray for our grandson or granddaughter. Our little Ania wants his name to be Noah or Clara. However, I am afraid that her wishes will not come true. These are not very popular names in Poland, especially Noah.

Please pray for us so that we can complete the renovation during this busy holiday time.

It will be very difficult - we negotiate prices with each company and try to do everything possible to make it by September. Everything in Poland is so expensive. Fuel prices are cosmic! For 3 months, prices have increased by 80%, which translates into the purchase of almost every product and prices on the building materials market and labor costs. I know the situation is not easy all over the world. It remains for us to remain in prayer and we will be grateful for prayer. We will do as much as possible.

God bless you abundantly.

Have a good and spiritually rich time for the upcoming summer holidays.

Tomasz and Kamilla



