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PRAYER UPDATE (July-Sep 2013)

Movement of God's leaders

We continue moving forward with our vision of strengthening evangelical leadership throughout Poland and are amazed to see how many different places and groups of leaders we worked with over the last few months:

Slot Art Festival

Thank you for your payers for our involvement with *Slot Art Festival* which is the largest Christian outreach festival in our part of the world (it attracts over 5000 people). We were responsible for the team of about 85 volunteers responsible for evangelistic outreach and pastoral care at the festival. We did daily coaching and leadership workshops for them and looked after this team in general. We also organized daily worship sessions and were able to speak to the crowds of people who would never otherwise step into a church building. Amazing!



Our team represented leadership of various church denominations and it was a great time of ministry in the spirit of unity in the midst of such diversity represented at the festival. As a result *over 100 people became Christian* for the first time in their lives!!! We were also able to build some new relationships with different leaders. You can read more about the festival at <u>www.slot.org.pl</u>



Leaders with a Mission (Warsaw)

We partnered with Proca Foundation and organized several consultations with both pastoral and marketplace leaders concerning the needs faced by Christian leaders in contemporary society and as a result of them proposed a vision for "Leaders with a Mission" conference which would serve as a national leadership summit and create a broader platform for evangelical growth. We are one of the key partners in this initiative and are now in the process of preparing budget and strategy with the core team. We are planning to organize the first conference in 2014 and are very excited about this opportunity.

Here is what some core leaders say about this initiative:

"There is a great need for good leadership models in our society… You can't create many leaders in a short time. Quality leadership is not just about the knowledge. It's about relationships. Discipleship is very important part of leadership" – leader of national movement

"Leaders with a Mission can serve as a tool to build unity among Christian leaders and be a witness to our society" – pastoral leader

"There are many initiatives for leaders...but not many of them focus on Christian leadership values and character beyond everyday divisions. We need this kind of initiative in our nation!" – entrepreneurial leader

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"Christian and the world today" - OAT conference

As a head of Open Academy of Theology and in partnership with Evangelical School of Theology we were able to organize a conference entitled "Christian and the world today" which attracted over 220 leaders. It focused on the issues of Christian responsibility in the contemporary society and guest speakers included *John Godson*, Member of Polish Parlament and *Bogdan Olechnowicz*, leader of "Poland for Jesus" national movement. My presentation at the conference was entitled "*Is the darkness to be blamed for being dark or the light for not shining?*" Good question, don't you think? We finished the conference with praise and worship time and prayer for our nation. Several key pastors from our region prayed for our nation, government, local authorities reconciliation with our history and spiritual awakening. It was a great time of experiencing God and we are already planning a similar conference next year!



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Right From the Heart Ministry

For the last few years we've been involved in partnership with RFTH ministry in Atlanta which helped us in getting Christian message to secular media here in Poland. As a result of this we have over 5000 people who receive daily devotionals and many people who would not otherwise want anything to do with what they call "institutional religion" are exposed to Gospel message on a daily basis. Praise the Lord for that! I am the voice for the radio spots here and this summer we recorded 4 professional video spots that will be released this Fall to create even more interest and have a broader impact on our society!



P2P group and National Pastors' Conference

September is also a time when we re-started our P2P group in Wroclaw after the summer break and this time we had a privilege to have a guest speaker – pastor Gregg Farrell from Crossland Community Church, KY – who came to visit us together with his wife Tammi.

Gregg is a great Bible teacher and was able to share his experience not only during our P2P meeting in Wroclaw, but also in First Baptist Church in Krakow and during National Pastors' Conference in Warsaw, where we met with new president of the Baptist Union and also president of the Seminary to discuss possibilities of strengthening Christian leaders throughout Poland.

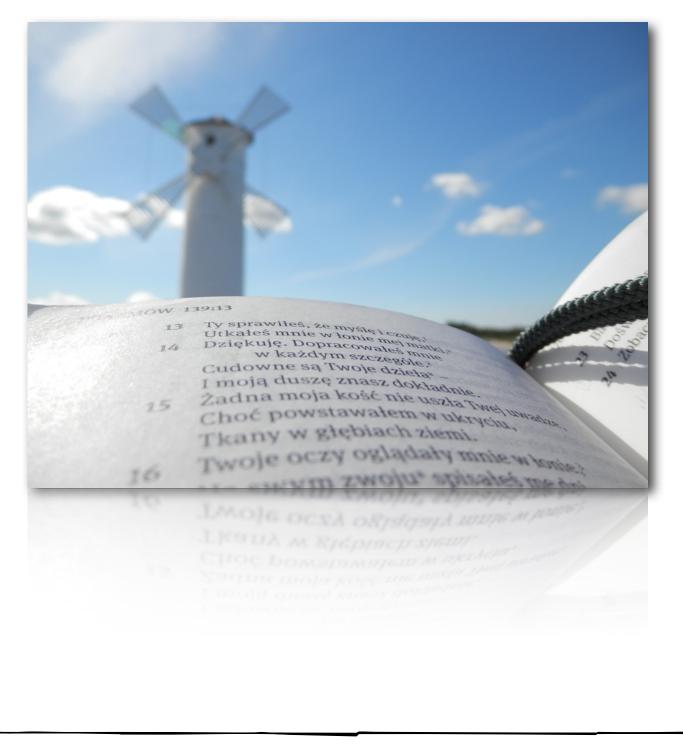


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Individual coaching and workshops

We also continue to meet leaders and couples for personal coaching which allows us to minister to them on a deeper level and address various issues in their lives and ministry. As a result of our coaching workshops we are also doing coaching with some Christian marketplace leaders which is also a great blessing to us. Here is part of the note we received from one of the pastors:

"Thanks to P2P I can learn a lot from the experience of other pastors. I can also always count on prayer support and words of encouragement that effect my everyday life...In short thanks to P2P I can offer better and more effective ministry to others."



Please pray...

- For all the leaders and cities we are working with right now and particularly Warsaw, Opole and Katowice which we will be visiting in the near future;
- For all other individual meetings and coaching we do with leaders as we develop authentic relationships with them intended to encourage and empower them in fulfilling God's calling in their lives;
- For Calling discovery workshops in Warsaw (Oct 19/20), Katowice (Nov) and Gdynia (Dec)
- For the CEL mentors that we work with;
- * For Global Leadership Summitt in Krakow (Nov) which we are involved with as a small group coaching leaders;
- * For our Fall campaign in the media with RFTH video clips;
- For Leaders with a Mission and next steps in the fulfillment of this vision;
- For the P2P group meetings especially for all the leaders;
- For our family, to grow stronger in the Lord and stay focused on God's priorities.

We praise God for His faithfulness and provision in our lives. You are a great blessing to us!

Yours in Christ,

Wojtek and Agnieszka Kowalewski

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Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; they get a better return for their labor. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

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