Poland Evangelical Mission

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A pertinent question for local churches:

Are we developing "World Christians"?

The late Dr. J. Herbert Kane* was relentless in his quest to help churches make World Christians. *In short, a World Christian is a believer that sees the world as their parish, and takes a role in reaching that world.*

Churches make this happen by opening windows of need around the world to which people can respond.

One way to do that is to invite people from those needy areas to share their ministry with the church family.

PEM will come to your church to help you do just that, regarding Poland!

Without any commitment on your part beyond a free-will offering, we will help you enlarge your people's vision for the world!

*Dr. Kane was a missionary to China from 1935-1950. Later he served as a professor at the School of World Mission and Evangelism at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.



Tomasz and Kamilla Chyłka

Our guests in March.

Tomasz and Kamilla were not raised in homes that revered, much less followed, Christ. Tomasz sought meaning in a world of drugs and chaos; Kamilla in a first marriage that went from bad to worse, alcoholism and physical abuse being the primary reasons, and she being the primary victim.

God, however, has been using their pasts for His glory in the present. Together, in Christ, they have formed a team of faithful service to Christ.

Undaunted by formidable opposition, they began a church in Pszczyna, Poland. Today that church, though small by American standards, has an ongoing ministry of outreach that is impressive, to say the very least.

They have inspired and rallied other evangelical churches in their region to reach out together to meet needs and share Christ with others.

In addition, they have also helped prepare the ground for a church plant in Szczytnica, and are preparing for yet another in nearby Tychy.

The schedule thus far:

- Sunday, Mar. 8th 1st Baptist Church Webster, WI (715) 866-4111
- Friday, Mar. 20th Dale Free Church Harris, MN (763) 689-5817
- Sunday, Mar. 22nd Grace Alliance Church Grand Rapids, MN (218) 326-4929
- Sunday, Mar. 29th Hope Free Church Roscoe, IL (815) 623-6545

Call the church for location and service times.

Attention: Pastors and/or Mission Teams!

If you would like to arrange a public service or a personal meeting with the Chyłkas while they are here, give us a call (612-987-1176) or email us (info@polandem.org) and we can talk about possibilities.

The difference a Strategic Partnership can make.

About five years ago Tomasz's ministry almost went from full-time to part-time. His income and congregation were quite small, and he was facing the prospect of driving truck by day, and ministering in his spare time, evenings and weekends.

That's when PEM made contact with Calvary Community Church in Brea, CA, and a Strategic Partnership was born.



Calvary Community Church helps the Pszczyna church financially at this time in their history, as well as by sending short-term mission teams, and by inviting Tomasz to minister among its own people.

The results have been remarkable in two ways:

- 1. The Pszczyna church has been able to consistently add new and relevant outreach ministries to its schedule, as well as to maintain what they had already been doing. They are constantly training people to do effective outreach.
 - 2. The Brea church has been favorably influenced themselves through the relationship that has been established.

This following statement from Calvary Community Church summarizes this very well:

"Calvary Community Church of Brea (CA) has partnered with Tomasz Chylka for several years now. <u>His example has challenged our church to do more to reach out to our own community in the cause of Christ</u>. We have been amazed at the good work Tomasz and his church do. One of their projects, Through Sport to Jesus, uses soccer to reach young men who are unbelievers. They also hold meetings in schools and children's homes to share testimonies and discuss Christian values. They are active in street evangelism, presenting music and drama, distributing literature, and engaging in conversations with passersby. We quickly discovered that Tomasz and his small congregation of 53 are doing much more to reach their community for Christ than our own congregation, with several hundred members and more abundant resources, is doing to reach ours. The contrast could cause us to become defensive, offering excuses, or to sit in despondent shame. Instead, we are choosing to be inspired by the example of Tomasz and the Pszczyna church. <u>Since our partnership with Tomasz began, we have become much more intentional about going outside our church walls and much more active in seeking and serving nonbelievers</u>. We thank God for the example set by Tomasz and his congregation and for the opportunity to partner with them."







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