

Poland Evangelical Mission

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Camps are underway in Poland!

For decades Christian camping has been a significantly successful means of evangelism and discipleship in Poland.

Would you please pray for campers to make decisions for Christ while there?

Between the camp at Oćwieka and the one at Jastrzębie-Zdrój, there will be hundreds of campers attending.



In addition to evangelism, camps are places where friendships are made, which strengthens Christians in their daily walk with Christ. This is especially meaningful in Poland, where, for some, there is so little chance for fellowship, particularly for those from smaller cities and villages.

This summer's camp opportunities will touch hundreds of lives through children's, youth, family and senior citizens' camps.

Attention, youth and children's workers!

It's not too early to start thinking about short-term missionary service for summer, 2015.

When you bring a group to work with children's or youth camp in Poland, you create a "win/win" situation!

The group you bring "wins" by giving; they give encouragement, testimony and fellowship.

They also grow by going; their worldview is enlarged.

The Poles you work with "win" because they benefit from the assistance and encouragement you bring.



Having English and Polish speaking staff at camp creates a dynamic that is compelling for several reasons. One of them is that many younger Poles want to learn English. It even attracts them to attend a camp, where they hear the gospel.

If you would like to talk about possibilities of your group ministering in Poland, please contact us soon, 612-987-1176, or info@polandem.org.

How and why I became involved with PEM.

Bonar Sabby, PEM treasurer

How I came to serve.

I met pastor Jan Tomczyk from Bydgoszcz, Poland in about 1990. My wife and I had volunteered to provide accommodations for a pastor attending a church planting seminar at New Hope Church in the Twin Cities. Jan was one of two pastors we were blessed to have stay with us. At that time Jan had started about ten churches in Poland. We developed a friendship with him, and remained in contact with him after he returned to Poland.

In 2000 I retired and began to look for something meaningful I could do, preferably in a ministry to which I could be useful. Meanwhile, Gosia Tomczyk, Jan's eldest daughter, was attending Northwestern College. She was instrumental in getting Dr. Kyle Wilson, a professor there, involved with the camp in Poland her dad had started.

Dr. Wilson organized a short-term mission trip to Poland comprised of students from the college. While there, he saw such need and opportunity that, upon his return, he felt led to start Poland Evangelical Mission. He and pastor Russ Berg from Maple Grove Evangelical Free Church launched the organization in 2001.

I was asked to join with them in 2002. I was reluctant at first, but after talking with my pastor, Dean Engebretson, Dr. Tom Cairns at the Free Church Home Office, and going on a short-term mission trip to Poland, I felt confident that it was the right thing for me to do.

Why I serve.

I serve at the Lord's pleasure. It was not my idea to serve Him in Poland. That has all been His doing.

- When I see young people at camp hear the Gospel message, many of them for the first time...
- When I hear the Bible taught in Polish churches where only one in a thousand have received such a message...
- When I see a Bible School where maybe 20 are being trained for ministry in a whole country... it is then that I realize the Lord is showing me a real and important need.

The evangelical churches in Poland have great faith - they only exist because the Lord provides.

It is an honor to be able to help Him.



Bonar (R), shares a casual moment in Poland with Daniel & Dorota Cichocki (L), and Jan & Krystyna Tomczyk.



Bonar (L), taking in the waterfront at Camp Eden.

Please pray for Poland often!

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