

Dear praying friends,

Thanks so much for your prayers for us and the ministry here.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Andrzej

Please continue to pray for Andrzej. He continues to try to cause problems. Mike did talk with the local Baptist Union pastor where Andrzej said they went to take communion and he told Mike that he has asked him not to come back. Apparently Andrzej has a history of being a troublemaker and unbridled gossip. He has mental problems. I am not sure what to say, except please pray for him. Last week when Mike wasn't here, he showed up for the service. The guest preacher, not realizing what he would do, asked him to close in prayer. During the prayer, he began attacking Mike and saying all sorts of evil things (untrue). Thankfully we had no first time guests with us. He wanted to talk more after the prayer to everyone, but the speaker (a missionary friend from Krakow) told him he was lying and needed to leave. In the meantime, people drifted away (apparently—I was in with the children).

Bozena

In the past few weeks she hasn't been in the service very often. Please pray for her. She has asked for prayer. Her greatest problem right now is Andrzej (her husband). She is having to work a lot of weekends right now.

Robert

He asked that Mike give him some space, so Mike is giving him space. Mike isn't here right now, anyway, but wanted to talk with him before he left for Israel, but he didn't want to see him. He did ask for prayer for mental and spiritual problems. Please pray that God will work in his heart and mind. We miss him.

Malgosia and children

Several Sundays ago now Malgosia asked if I would come and get her. She is the lady that a year ago had problems with her son, Matthew. The government took her child away and put him in a foster home. Normally, I'd say that this was wrong, but in this case, it does seem to have been a wise thing. Please pray for Malgosia. Her intelligence is on the low end and she sometimes has custody of Matthew who is currently in one of the children's homes that we go to at Christmas time the rest of the week. Malgosia gets easily overwhelmed, but she would gladly let others care for her child all day long if someone else would. Last year I encouraged them to consider adoption for Matthew because we know a missionary couple that would be great parents would love to adopt him, but she won't release him for adoption. So, he's in a children's home most of the time with some weekends at home. We've heard that they may lose the girl, too, Noemi. (2.5). (She attended the Baptist Union church in town. Mike talked with the pastor about her coming to us—he doesn't mind at all since the children only made problems for them since they only meet in one small room—we have lots of room.)

On the home front:

Please continue to pray for our other things going on. Mike and Abby are in Israel on a dig south of Jerusalem. In August, Mike will travel to Turkey to teach some pastors who will be coming from "restricted access" countries. (how does that sound?) He is planning on going with Bruce Tuttle, with BIEM, I think, and Tim Smith, BIMl missionary.

Timothy, 19, is fishing and Jeremiah, 20, is interning in FL in a church in Winter Garden. Please pray for both of them and that God would meet their needs for school. Tim said fishing has been pretty slow, so we are praying for a great couple of weeks coming up.

PRAISES:

We are grateful for our missionary friends who are helping fill in for Mike while he is gone to Israel. Last Sunday we had a missionary friend, Darrell Johnson, BIMl, who has work in Krakow. Today we had Bob

McKinney, BWM, from Bochnia, Poland. Next Sunday will be Jon Glass, also from Krakow. These men have to travel a good distance to help us out, so we are thankful for their help. VERY thankful.

Lydia and Daniel will be at camp starting Saturday along with Lydia's friend, Julia. Please pray for Julia. We'd love to see her make a profession of salvation. We are also grateful that her mother agreed that she could go because there was a while that we thought she was going to say no. (She had initially said yes, but then began to have doubts when she saw some of the restrictions on the teens.) I spent a couple of hours with her this week and in the end, she seemed fine with it—in fact her husband is going to take the kids down to camp, so that is a huge help to me! (It's several hours south of here!) You can pray for them. Camp is the 18-26 of July. They go down on Saturday.

Our weather has been mostly beautiful lately. We are thankful. It really is feeling like summer these days.

Summer is pretty quiet in Poland—really, all of Europe seems to take a vacation in July and August. We mean “take vacations!” They believe strongly in going somewhere—getting out of the city. We're used to it by now, but at first it seemed so strange to have such a radical change in traffic, etc.

Thanks so much for praying!

From near Warsaw,
Becky Petersen for all the Petersens