

## PRAYER LETTER – AUGUST 2024

I am happily starting to write a new prayer letter. God has given us a month full of Good News.

At the beginning of August, our church hosted the 5 Days Club for children. About a dozen or so children took part - including those from outside the church. During the few hours, there were games and fun activities, a Bible lesson, singing and various competitions. At the end, the children received book prizes for participating, which give them the opportunity to continue their biblical adventures with their parents. Each child received an invitation to the Good News Club, which will start in September in our church. It will be a weekly event.

Later in the month, an evangelistic outing took place in a housing estate where poor people live who cannot cope in life, and homeless people camp nearby. During the meeting, several songs were sung, the gathered heard a several-minute message of the Gospel, some testimonies in the form of books and brochures were distributed, and then everyone could take advantage of the barbecue prepared for the participants. Apart from a few conversations, nothing happened that we could write about.

This is a difficult service among such people and fruit comes very rarely, but we do not give up because does not all of heaven rejoice when one lost sinner is found? We pray for fruit and we will definitely return there again to build a bridge by providing help so that these people can hear the Gospel of salvation. We are also willing to send them to specialists and rehab centers so that they can experience renewal and deliverance from addictions and adaptation to a new life.

Then, some of us took part in the Christian Culture Week in Katowice, the capital of our region. Attendance varied from 50 to 100 each day due to the very high air temperatures. Each day began with a children's program, in which Kamilla took part. I had the opportunity to talk to different people, although there were not many of these conversations. During the event, however, many testimonies of conversion in book form, evangelical tracts, and Bibles were distributed. On the stage, each day ended with a performance by choirs from friendly churches, and our brother Wacek had a several-minute Gospel Word for the gathered. We are grateful to God for this time.

We pray for greater fruit, because I will remind you that after 12 years of our involvement, the first evangelical church was established in this city, which currently has several dozen members. It is a great joy when someone asks me where they could go to our church on Sunday, and I can indicate a not far away address. More and more people are disappointed with the Roman Catholic Church because of the scandals, because of the liberal views of the Pope, and because of “the dead religion” without relationship with God through our Lord Jesus.

We see that more and more people, even older people, are open to talking about their faith and the Bible, something we have not experienced in the last 20 years.

Now we are preparing an "evangelistic picnic". About 120 people have announced their attendance. Of these, 25% are people from outside the church. We pray that this time will be an opportunity for conversations and invitations to the Church.

We are happy to have new people in the church. We are praying for the conversion of A and M, who live in the village next to ours. They have been listening to my sermons for over a year, but they did not have the courage to join us. When their aunt (who lives in Katowice, where we have the Week of Evangelization) was converted, she encouraged them to look for a biblical church and not to be afraid to join the community. That is how they ended up in our church. It is clear that they love God very much and are like Cornelius, whose dedication and prayers reached God. Now I will have a meeting with them to tell them what to do next... I pray that the Lord will give me the right Words, so that the Gospel will reach their hearts in the power of the Spirit of God and with great force of conviction.

We thank you very much for your generous support and abundance of prayers. It is extremely valuable to us. We feel that we are not alone, having partners in you. Poland still needs support. Less than 0.3% of Bible believers live here, and most churches do not exceed 50 members. Out of over 2,500 counties, 2,200 have no evangelical church. This is overwhelming news, but for us it still sounds like a good challenge. We lift our eyes and see that the harvest is great. We ask you - ask God with us - to send workers to his harvest!

God bless you,  
Tomasz and Kamilla