



Dear Mark and Abby and the church,

At the beginning of our letter we send our best greetings and we hope that you are doing well, and that God richly blesses your work in the era where you are. We thank God for you, as you are such a blessing for us and our ministry. I would like to share with you what we have done as far as children ministry.

Some of you have been close to us over the years, starting with Missions Conferences in the 90's. Then you helped us ministered at our conferences and in our church, with evangelism meetings in nearby villages, and ministered in schools. By doing all these things you had incredible influence upon our live and church. By doing this you have contributed to our growth and we become a FAMILY.

We want to THANK YOU very much for all your efforts. It is hard to count or measure all these things but we know that you influenced us in a big way. We think that many of you coming to Poland can testify that there has been a great transformation over all these years. The church has changed over so many years and CSP program has changed and some of you have been involved in this.

For the first dozen years or so, there were many poor and very poor people in our church. Many families were struggling with alcoholism. Unemployment rate in our area was the highest of all Poland. Many children were lacking even the most basic things like food, school supplies, clothes, etc. So we focused on helping those people and we were helping them financially each month. Sometimes we organized some additional things like going to the cinema, Mc Donald's or the zoo. For many children that was the only time they could go out somewhere. We were also sending children for Christian summer camps. We covered all costs including transportation. We still think that this is a very good investment in the lives of children.

In addition to that we helped to renovate the bedrooms of those children, we bought furniture and other supplies to allow them to have decent lives.



After many years we decided to introduce some changes. In the meantime some families that used our help emigrated to countries like Norway, Sweden, Germany, England because they were unable to make ends meet here in Poland. Other children were included in the program and for many years there were 25 children in our program.

During that time we organized 3 projects that also included those 25 children.

Project number 1 □ Out of 25 children we chose 10 that needed our help the most, mainly because of the fact that one of the parents was seriously sick and could not work. Some needed help because of alcohol addiction of one of the parents. Situation in other families got better, when one of the parents started to work abroad, and help was no longer necessary.

Project number 2 □ In 2013 we took care of 10 children from a local primary school. Those were children with learning difficulties.

We paid for additional lesson with tutors to allow them to reach similar level as other

students. This program continued for 2 years. Then

we felt that we did what we could and we prayed for another direction.

God gave us desire to help handicapped children in our town and in the area. We helped 10 children by buying them necessary equipment for rehabilitation, sometimes we paid for expensive medications and private doctor's visits. We paid for the rehabilitation programs, and we still do that by collecting money from few months and we sponsor whatever is needed the most at given time. Unfortunately Poland has become an expensive place to live, and with the money we get we can do less then what we could earlier. But we feel that the most effective way is to collect the money and then do a bigger program.

Project number 3 □ Was started for children in our town. It all begun with Kids Club that we did every Saturday, since the very beginning of the program. During that time we served lunches for children. When our town organized something similar for children our attendance dropped so we decided that we will support the work organized by the town officials. So we paid for various types of feeding programs. That way between 25 to 40 kids were fed each day after school, because they were from poor families. So with money that was designated for 5 children we were sponsoring this





feeding program. We have been doing this program for many years, until last year. It was very beneficial for the children, plus this was a great testimony for our town. We finished that program when the attendance dropped. And it was less than 10 children, plus the town officials wanted to finish that project as well.

So summing up, all that we were able to do, over these years and give you the numbers they would be as follows. We helped 83 individual children (the program started with

#00100 and finished with #00183). Behind each number there is a child and different story. In addition we touched lives of few hundred children, by doing Kids Club for many years, and then by paying for feeding programs in our town for 5 years. Our help was a great testimony for the town and for the town's officials.

We have literally changed lives and surroundings for many children by renovating their bedrooms, paying for their education, and then for many years we focused on developing their talents. We also went through difficult moments when Simon fought with brain cancer

Another thing is that we organized Christian summer camps with the attendance from 50 to a 100. Many of young people were saved, baptized with the Holy Spirit, set free from many things. Their lives changed and we can see the results in their lives right now. We were able to do all that because of you and your support. Plus other sponsors, who helped in some projects.



Then we helped 10 children with learning difficulties, this program changed into helping those who were handicapped. Unfortunately government's help is little for those children, so we do our best to improve their lives. Most of the time one parent can't work and has to take care of the handicapped child, so the financial situation of those families is difficult. We want you to know, that every time we say that WE did something you must remember that without YOU, we would not be able to accomplish those things. This is only 1 part of our ministry. There are a lot of Leadership and Pastoral care from our side. We thank you for your faithfulness and goodwill over these years. We are looking forward to see you as the World Impact Conference come soon. We still have **11 children** in the program, mainly handicapped children, some children are in our church and one is in a foster family.

Marek and Marysia