

# Calvary Chapel Tarnobrzeg



## Winter 2011 Newsletter from the Polish Pilgrims

### Greetings and Happy New Year from the Wilk Family in southern Poland!

We hope you all had a blessed Christmas celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! Although we go through many trials, our Lord is faithful to provide for us and bring us through them. He is working in us His loving character and He won't give up till we see Him face to face! I Jn. 3:2

In November, Chris and Dominik were able to spend some time in Ukraine.



They visited CC fellowships in Lviv and Ternopil. George and Sharon Markey were gracious in their hospitality. They stayed with a brother

Petro and his family and were able to experience a Ukrainian worship service. Chris shared a little and asked the church there to pray for the church in Poland! It was a blessed time and an eye-opening experience seeing the cross-border black market smuggling in operation on the public bus transportation, crazy!

Our Thanksgiving was spent ministering to different people about what that holiday means for us Americans. It's a great opportunity to serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal and talk about how faithful God is to provide for those who call upon Him and trust in Him. We invited our good friends, Piotr and Aneta to celebrate Thanksgiving with us. Then we were invited by Renata, the Director of a local language school to give a presentation about the first Thanksgiving. We made Pilgrim and Indian hats

and Sandi wrote a script about how the Pilgrims trusted the Lord to provide for them and save their lives during the first harsh winter. Using the small play, we explained to those attending how grateful we are for all of God's provisions and blessings. Many of the kids wore elaborate costumes and they and their parents really enjoyed the event!

### Changes and Opportunities

In the beginning of December, the Lord blessed us with an opportunity to move into a townhouse in a regular neighborhood here in Tarnobrzeg. Many of you have been praying for us for a few years to find a



place like this. For \$50 more a month, the Lord blessed us with exactly what we've been praying for, including a backyard, a basement and a garage! We are so

thankful for this huge blessing and answer to prayer. We just recently got another snowfall and Chris has been able to serve our neighbors by shoveling their walkways. So far, our neighbors have been very open to us and we know the Lord will use us to show them the love and forgiveness of Christ!

## Pooh on the Walls



Our home was previously a preschool, so Winnie the Pooh characters are on almost every wall! Chris, Sandi and Dominik have been sanding, spackling and painting one room at a time to make it feel a little more like a home. Before moving to this home, Chris painted our old apartment per contract so he got a lot of practice!

### Prayer requests

Please pray with us as we look to the Lord to provide for some big expenses this year. First, we were in the process of selling our van and getting a more reliable one when we got into an accident. It's not easy or cheap getting new parts here in Poland so we need God's help to repair and sell it. Second, we need to renew our residents' cards and we decided it would be better to apply for permanent status. The process is more expensive but we won't have to keep renewing every couple of years, which is cheaper in the long term. Third, the new home has older, drafty windows and the heating costs are considerably higher. We asked the new landlords to change the windows but they are reluctant and perhaps will not do it. Chris is going around trying to seal them with gaskets and improve them but our winter heating bill is still quite expensive.

Please continue to stand in prayer with us for the folks at the nursing/rehabilitation center. Also for us to get the English club moving and for us to be able to begin ministering in some capacity at the local hospital. Keep us in prayer for good health. We are now fighting strong viruses this winter.

Pray for Chris as he is ministering to Piotr Lech and his family in Oświęcim. The ministry there has always been a battle and we need His strength and perseverance. Pray for Piotr's dad who is 2 months sober from alcohol and starting to show up to the Bible studies.

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### Praise Reports:

The kids ended their first semester at school doing very well. Liberty and Graciella were in school plays and Christopher participated in a formal ball dancing a traditional all-school dance. Elisabeth has been having many opportunities to give a defense for her faith to the high school faculty as well as fellow students. She and Olivia are doing very well in their studies.



Praise God that even though we got in the accident, the Lord provided for a reliable, inexpensive import to use around town and for Chris for his weekly trip!

Praise God Dominik is faithfully attending fellowship and growing in his relationship with the Lord. Pray for him to stay rooted and grounded and for his family to see the change in his life and become hungry and interested in Christ also.

Praise God for our new home and new neighbors to serve and minister the gospel to!

We praise God for YOU! For your prayers and support of our ministry here to the people of Poland. Without your standing with us, this would not be possible. We pray the Lord will bless you back, keep you in His grace. Love, the Wilks

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