

# Update from the Watkins in Poland

October 2007

This month has been busy with lots of ministry. On October 6-7, we hosted a soccer tournament for "Sunny Neighborhood." We had 13 teams, including our church team – about 80 youth took part and it was once again a great way to connect with the neighborhood youth.

Last weekend we were part of the leadership team for the annual Poland For Jesus conference. We had about 900 in attendance and Rick's message on God's love was very well-received.

This week, we hosted a seminar for the welfare workers of the city and about 25 attended. Our local pastor taught three sessions which dealt with issues like: root problems in our families, healing for past wounds, finding purpose for our lives and then a brother from the local church, Marek, gave an excellent presentation on the need for home budgets, the power of systematic savings and practical strategies for getting out of debt. The feedback we received was very positive. Just two days later, we had an evangelistic breakfast for the folks who we distribute bread to twice a week. Thirty+ came to the breakfast and they were well-fed - body, soul and spirit. Wojt shared the good news of the Gospel with all and about ten indicated their interest in beginning a follow-up weekly bible study.

In our local mission work we have strived to work as closely as possible with the local church. Our local church is strong in worship and the prophetic but not in community outreach. It has been a process to inspire and mobilize the church to actively take part and not just relegate the outreach to our local mission team. We are quite pleased to see the church getting more and more involved in every aspect of our outreach. It was great that the pastor very much wanted to teach at the seminar this week. The church has recently asked us to turn over all the responsibilities for clothes distribution to them. They also are taking over responsibility for the distribution of Christmas gifts to the poor children in the neighborhood this year. As we all know we can tell a lot about our hearts from how we spend our money and the church has committed to splitting all outreach costs in the community 50/50 with our mission team. So, we are encouraged by all of this. God is working to mobilize His church, sending them out as salt and light into the community.



Our pastor Bogdan teaching at the seminar for welfare workers



Marek giving financial advice and counsel at the seminar

Poland is in the midst of a very heated political campaign season that culminates with elections this Sunday for all seats in their Parliament. We have been so amazed and blessed to see that God has opened the door for some of our very closest friends here to minister personally in prayer and through the prophetic among the very highest political circles in the country. We really cannot give any details but do join us in prayer for these national elections. The elections Sunday could be a major turning point for the country. God is giving great favor to His people at this time and it is exciting to think that some of the highest elected officials in this land are wanting prayer support and personal ministry from God's people.

### Please join us in the following prayer requests:

**For Polish national elections held this Sunday** – For God's will to be done; for godly leadership for this country.

**For Emily** – Emily continues to have difficulty sleeping. In addition, she has some hormone imbalances that we are trying to correct. Pray for Emily's health and sleep.

**For Kevin** – A continued good transition to university life (and to life in America).

**For Rick's Mom** – she fell about three weeks ago and we think she sustained a concussion. Since then she has been a bit disoriented and quite weak.

**For Rick as he travels to the States** to spend some time with his parents and then attend mission Board meetings in Seattle (Oct 21-30).

**For an ever-deepening walk** with the Lord for each of us.

**For all the finances needed** for our living needs and for ministry needs

**Financial Support** can be sent to:

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*With an attached note that this gift is for Rick and Lisa Watkins*



Neighborhood residents at our evangelistic breakfast



Wojt sharing the Gospel at the breakfast meeting