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Celebration in Warsaw, Poland

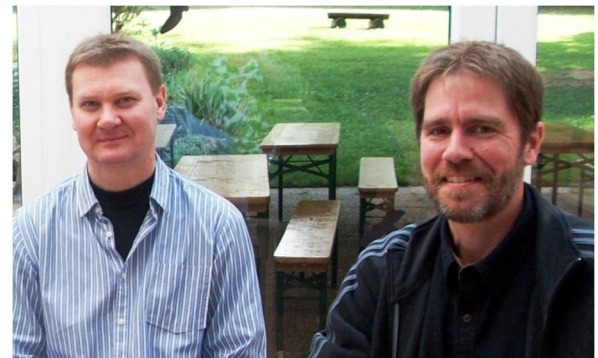
Not long ago I received a registered letter with an enclosed invitation to attend a historic celebration at the *Pierwszy Zbór Kościoła Chrześcijan Baptystów w Warszawie* (literally, the first church of Christian Baptists in Warsaw). The congregation is celebrating 140 years since their first baptism and 50 years of meeting in their Walców Street facility (called the "House of Prayer"). We have affectionately been related to this fellowship since 1992 and have known their pastor (**Marek Budziński**) for as many years. Through the years we have cooperated on such evangelistic endeavors as youth camps, Bible conferences, orphan ministry, and conversational English language schools. We have seen multiple new Baptist congregations formed in Warsaw, such that the church notes its status no longer as the city's only Baptist church, but the city's first Baptist church. I am grateful to a generous donor who is making it possible for me to accept the invitation and attend the festivities from October 6-10, 2011. We're praying for an opportunity to reconnect with ministry partners and enlarge our vision for Poland. Please pray with us to this end. Additionally and Lord willing, I'll have the opportunity to meet with Zbigniew Kołak with whom I labored this past summer in Bielice, Poland. We are praying that the Lord will give us an opportunity to meet in Warsaw during this time to consider ministry plans for 2012.



The letters inscribed on the front of the church building are from Zechariah 8:19b: "Love truth and peace, says the Lord of Hosts."

New York City

Please pray for our participation in the upcoming 2011 Annual Mission Conference hosted by Evangel Baptist Church in Laurelton, New York. The conference theme is taken from Luke 7:27b, "I send my messenger before thy face..." The church is located in proximity to the John F. Kennedy International Airport. Among conference duties, I'll have the privilege of speaking on Saturday morning at their men's prayer breakfast. Men praying, now that's a truly transformational notion. Praise the Lord!



Doug with Zbyszek at the WEC International headquarters in Eppstein, Germany.

Kenya and Rwanda 2012

During the recent Mission Training School conducted during August 22-26, 2011 at the headquarters of Independent Gospel Missions, I had the opportunity to speak with one of IGM's national church planters who is also the East Africa Field Coordinator for the mission. As a national church planter, Wilson Maungo started 2 churches in 1998. As of 2011, pastor Maungo has 80 churches and three preaching points as a result of the Lord's blessings upon his devoted labors. In addition, Wilson is responsible for establishing a ministry that educates 400 orphans. To date, he has established eight elementary and high schools with a total of 1600 students. Wilson Maungo has a deep burden to reach his people. Churches and preaching points need trained pastors. The Bible Institute in Kitale meets for one week each month, eleven months out of the year. Intensive courses are offered during the week for two levels of students. The school now has a satellite extension in Rwanda, an eighteen hour drive from Kitale. I have been invited by the ministry to come, to teach, to observe, and to offer counsel on the program. What a privilege! We're praying about June of 2012 for this much anticipated trip. Pray with us for open hearts and the Lord's provision of the needed travel expenses. I can stay in a room at the school and greatly reduce the in-country expenses. Airfare, as always, is a critical need. The Lord will provide!



Wilson Maungo (second from the left) with pastors and teachers at the Independent Gospel Bible Institute in Kitale, Kenya.

Itinerary

September 7- December 16, 2011 <i>Adjunct</i>	Teaching Ethics and Comparative Religion at Fulton-Montgomery Community College (Johnstown, NY).
September 29- October 2	Evangel Baptist Church (Laurelton, NY)
October 6-10, 2011 <i>International</i>	First Baptist Church (Warsaw, Poland)
October 30, 2011	First Baptist Church (Cincinnati, NY)
January 29, 2012	Grace Baptist Church (Guilderland, NY)
February 5, 2012	First Baptist Church (Little Falls, NY)
February 19, 2012	First Baptist Church (Hempstead, NY)

October 14, 2012

Tuscarora Baptist Church
(Addison, NY)

Prayer & Praise

- Praise the Lord for 95 students this semester at Fulton-Montgomery Community College. Teaching Ethics and Comparative World Religions stimulates plenty of discussion that concerns the ultimate issues of life. The three classes this fall are no exception to previous years. Lots of fruitful discussion.
- Pray for upcoming travel plans to NYC and Poland. Specifically for the Lord to move hearts.
- Pray as well for the 2012 itinerary. We'd like to get our calendar full each weekend with opportunities to present our ministry in local churches. ***If you can connect us with a local church or church group in your area, please contact us.***



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