

Dear praying friends,

Thanks so much for praying for us! The weather has turned “typically fall” for Poland. That means kind of dreary, overcast, a bit chilly and (thankfully, as we need it) rainy.

We had a good spirit in the service today.

- Piotr, who has to ride 40 min by bike wasn't there (it was raining, so I didn't really expect him).
- Monika B and Monika Z (former nun) did both come today. It was good to see them interacting. The former nun comes from a much more stable background than our other Monika, so I like to see interaction as possibly they can help each other much more than we can.
- Gracjan was here, (Monika B's son) and that was a praise, but he was in a bit of a “non-communicative” mood once Daniel told him he didn't want him to come over for dinner and to spend the afternoon at our house. It was good to see him again, however, as it had been a couple of weeks.
- Asia, the lady who suffers from anxiety issues, needs to be saved. She continues to suffer from these types of things but won't stop dwelling on her problems, so it is difficult to actually deal with her. She will probably go back to the psychiatric hospital for the winter. (She will be allowed to stay there 3 months at taxpayer expense and that way she doesn't have to stay alone in her cold house through the winter. I think it is a common ploy for the sick and poor to do this.) If so, we'll probably keep her cat again.
- Malwena (Malveena), 18, was back again. She comes from a well-off family in Otwock—her mom brought her in a BMW. She told me that her mom is open-minded about her being there. Last week I gave her two books to read. I found out that during the week her school went to Hungary, but she did read one of the books on the gospel. Let's pray that this week she has time to read “Pilgrimage from Rome”, a biography of Bart Brewer, a former priest.
- A couple of you have asked about various financial things that you either know about or have been mentioned: Let me update you here.
  1. Daniel's and Mike's tickets to the states due to my dad's funeral have been covered except for about \$600 (Thank you everyone who has helped!)
  2. Julia's school bill. I called BJU a couple of days ago and she is ok for first semester but will need another \$7000 to finish the school year. Since she can earn at least \$1000 between now and then (I hope), that puts her need about 6K. If you can help, that would be wonderful!
  3. I bought Julia's and Lydia's tickets for coming back for Christmas this week. I planned on \$1100 for each ticket, but they were \$1400, so I am “under” about \$800 for the two tickets. I believe strongly that we do a disservice to these foreign kids by taking them to the US for college and the not getting them back home to make contact with their home culture and family the whole time they are in college—she/they've not been back since they went to the states and they are juniors this year—so it's been 2.5 years. I've been trying to sell some quilts I've made to make it possible to get her back (and, of course, Lydia—it would be strange to bring Julia back and not our own daughter). I lack some there.
- This week we were able to give out food from the food bank to area poor. I thought I'd show you a few pictures so you can better understand what this has entailed.
  1. Getting it from the food bank. (We get what they give us—we don't choose.) We use both vehicles and a trailer.
  2. Unload it into the church building
  3. Pass it out to people the local Social Services place sends us.

4. Paperwork – pretend you see Mike sitting at his desk – filling it out and sending it back to the Food Bank.

Pictures from the cemetery today. Our son, Daniel, took these for me. It's completely dark by 5:15 now, so we went about then.



This one was commemorating soldiers who were killed during WW2.



They use these special candles that will withstand the rain. (Not necessary this year as the weather today was gorgeous!) They really aren't expensive individually. Some people make their whole living off this one event! (They sell lots of candles and flowers this time of year).

Thanks so much for praying for us! We do appreciate you so much!

Nahum 1:7

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