



Thankful

June 2020 Update

“Thankful” is a simple but profound word we use when something is better than bad or just an improvement of what we had. We are finally out of quarantine after our trip to the US from Poland, and Myra’s health continues to improve. The current diagnosis and prognosis of her condition are much better than we initially understood in Poland. She still has some appointments ahead, but we are hopeful for a significant recovery. We are thankful to God, to our friends, to our fellow missionaries, to our Krakow church family, and to our ministry partners for all they have done to help us in this time of need. We also want to thank the leaders of Kings Park Church for the housing they provided during our present stay in North Carolina.



By now, you might be used to seeing Facebook posts and missionary newsletters with group photographs from Zoom video calls, and someone recently joked that ‘it seems the Brady Bunch intro was a Zoom call all along!’ This is humorous, but this online tool has been critical for keeping our church and missionary communities connected and even growing. Just after we arrived in the US, we took part in a Plan B that replaced our canceled Krakow Europe conference. We gathered all our pastors from Europe and a few from outside Europe for a half-day Zoom meeting led by special guests Steve Murrell and Kevin York, our Every Nation

president and vice president. Additionally, we were able to have smaller breakout sessions in Zoom for discussions and hear presentations for increased training and church planting. Like the second century Roman roads in the header of this newsletter, we continue to look for new pathways to reach Europe.

Although we are in the US, we are on video calls several hours every day with missionaries on the field where we are continually planning new works as well as seriously addressing the COVID crisis. Some missionaries can't go home due to strict travel restrictions and worse conditions in their sending countries. It is like the movie Apollo 13, except it is Houston that has the problem, so the astronauts might as well explore space until they can land or be resupplied. However, this is also a serious period for those on the field for the same reasons, and a significant part of our weekly routine is working with these missionaries so that we can all move forward in both caution and faith.

Our ministry time in the US will be spent meeting with new and existing partners as well as finishing up some critical projects for cross-cultural church planter development. We hope to see as many of you as possible, but please respect the fact that we will use masks in public and in private. Myra has risk factors for COVID, and several of our parents and my sister are immuno-compromised due to serious health conditions. Let's be mindful of the vulnerable in our midst.



Last but not least, we are thankful to have Abigail and Rebecca with us for a week in NC, and Becca will be with us a few more weeks as she transitions from her Belfast internship to the Chicago area where she hopes to find work. Please keep her in prayer for this. We also pray that you will have increased reasons to give thanks to God as he shows his constant faithfulness. May God continue to bless you richly,

Mike & Myra

### **Prayer Requests**

1. Continued health recovery for Myra
2. Housing in the Nashville, TN area
3. New & sustained financial provision during this crisis
4. Team development for projects in Romania, the Caucasus, Prague & Greece
5. Stability for the regions where we minister

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