

We made it to Poland! Read below for more exciting news!

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A Hope and A Future for Poland

Prayer eUpdate from Paul and Karen

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tran·si·tion noun - \tran(t)-'si-shən

1. passage from one state, stage, subject, or place to another : change
2. a movement, development, or evolution from one form, stage, or style to another

Dear Barbara,

We made it safely from California to Poland. Although the physical transition was smooth - uneventful flight, friends to welcome us back, house



heated - we can feel the effects of our transition back. We are having to think a lot more about speaking Polish, are refreshing our old ways of doing things - from shopping to travelling - and are acclimating to different weather, food and experiences.

As we are readjusting, we don't want to simply fit back in, we want to remember the lessons that God taught us while in the USA. We have a tendency to fit right back into Polish culture, ministry and relationships, forgetting the many experiences and changes from our six months in the USA.

One lesson that we are trying to apply is to slow down and pay attention to the people around us. As Americans, we tend to view everything through the lens of efficiency. Yet, often efficiency (taking the car and being alone) works against effectiveness (taking public transportation to interact with more people). We can so overplan that we lose out on opportunities to minister to others at a deep level. Within a couple of days after our return, our neighbors had their second child. Karen arrived for coffee just as they were leaving for the hospital. She ended up staying with their daughter until 1 AM.

Another lesson that we brought back from our time in the States is our desire to be salt and light in a more proactive way - stopping for pedestrians in the walkway, helping people in need, shovelling the snow for a housebound neighbor. These things show God in a tangible way. They also allow us to pass on God's peace and even open the door to pray. We want to see our community changed from the inside out, but it has to start with us.

Thanks so much for all of your prayers and support as we go through this time of transition. We



appreciate you so very much.

Peace,
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Praise and Prayer for the Haenzes

Praise

- We made it back to Poland without incident!
- Our son, Dave, is now engaged! Florence (Flo) is a wonderful young lady with a heart for Jesus. We couldn't be happier!
- God has added new financial supporters (you know who you are!) and has provided some generous gifts in January.
- We had a wonderful time with family before we left - Chris, Dave and Flo flew in from Europe, spent Christmas with Paul's family in Texas and had good family time with the Crafford clan.

Prayer

- We have turned in our visa paperwork. Please pray for a quick - and positive - response.
- Chris has just found out that there is a problem with his British visa, keeping him from working in the UK this summer. Pray that the university can help him get it resolved.
- We need wisdom as we re-enter ministry. We want to be careful to choose those opportunities that will enable us to pursue new directions and see a new thing happen.

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