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What a great way to start the Christmas season! Read about what God has been doing.

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# A Hope and A Future for Poland

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## Prayer eUpdate from Paul and Karen

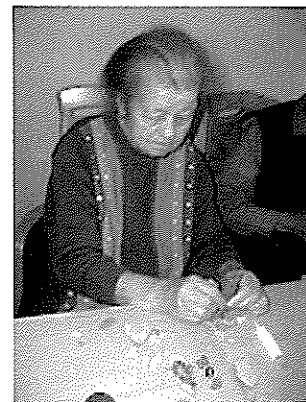
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Dear Barbara,

I love it when a plan comes together...

We have been working with an after school program for at-risk children and youth. We have also been ministering in a governmental retirement home. Both of these communities are needy - the children need encouragement, the older people need an opportunity to interact with younger people.



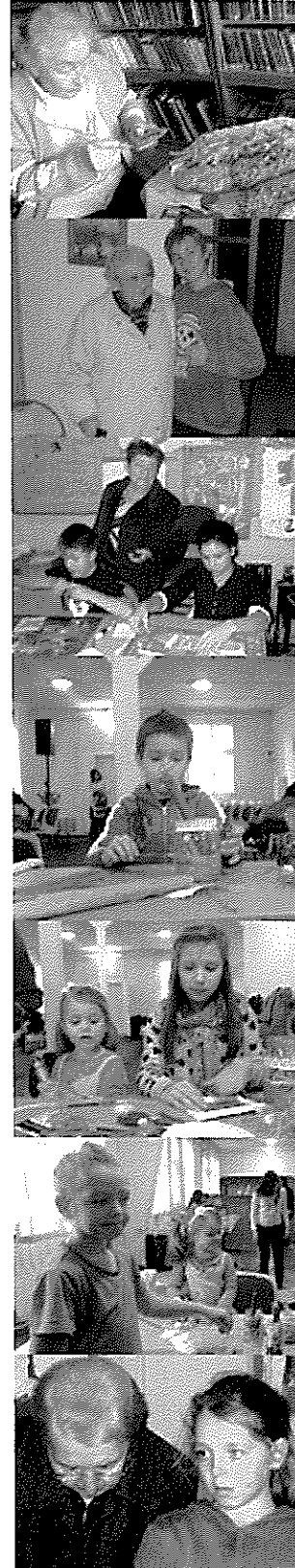
A few weeks ago, several women from the retirement home visited the after school program. What a great time! The women were able to encourage the children - "What a great job", "How beautiful", "You are so talented" - words the kids rarely hear. The children encouraged the retirees with their smiles and hugs. What a special time.

Later, we were able to arrange another special event between the retirees and another group of children. In anticipation, the retirees prepared special cookies (pierniki) for the children and the children prepared special hand-made cards for the retirees. Once again, they were able to encourage each other.

This is a great finish to a very busy ministry year. Karen has increased her role teaching English and has developed a ton of new relationships. She has also had the freedom to work more closely with underprivileged kids (not always easy). We have both been involved with the Poznań chapter of Serve-the-City (you can "Like" our Facebook page). God has given us a wonderful team intent on demonstrating God's love in practical ways. Paul has been able to use his contacts in Chrześcijańskie Stowarzyszenie Dobroczynne (ChSD - our main ministry partner) to begin training 7 people on leading Discovery Bible Studies. We look forward to seeing how many of those are able to start church-planting churches.

We want to extend a very special Christmas greeting. Jesus really is the reason for the season. We appreciate each of you who support us - financially, practically, spiritually. Through your support, we are able to demonstrate the hope that we have in Christ.

Your fellow servants,



Paul and Karen  
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## Praise and Prayer for the Haenzes

### Praise

- We are thankful for the seven people who are willing to try a new type of church planting approach.
- We are thankful for the new ministry doors that God is opening.
- We are thankful that we will be able to spend Christmas as a family.

### Prayer

- Pray for Chris as he finishes up his masters dissertation and looks for work. His UK visa runs out on January 30, and that is making his job search very difficult.
- Pray for us as we begin the visa renewal process. We don't yet know what changes might be waiting for us.
- Please pray for the seven who are looking to working with Paul in a new church planting approach.
- Please pray that we would continue to see new open doors in ministry - especially through our work with ChSD.

If you would like to be on our prayer team and receive more frequent prayer requests from us, please [sign up](#) for our prayer request list.

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