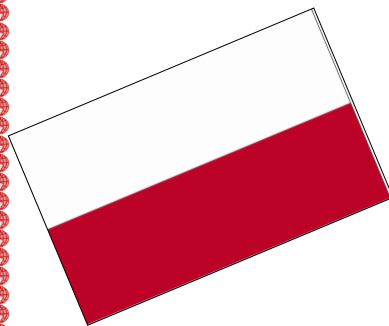


# Nation of the Week

Nation of the World  
Needing Our Prayers  
Poland



"For mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people." Isaiah 56:7b

Poland, officially the Republic of Poland, is a nation in Central Europe. It gained national identity in the 10th century, then was united with or divided and occupied by other nations until becoming independent again in 1918. After losing about a quarter of its population in World War II, Soviet Communism was imposed upon Poland until it acquired independence from communist rule in 1989. Poland was historically an agricultural economy until Communist rule added heavy industry. The economy has experienced significant growth since 1990, though Poland has seen some unemployment and exodus of young workers and skilled labor. All religions have equal rights before the law. Traditionally Roman Catholicism has been the dominant religion, declared by about 65% of the Polish citizens, followed by other Christian denominations and about 3% Jewish. However, as a result of the Holocaust and the post-World War II flight and expulsion of German and Ukrainian populations, Poland became overwhelmingly Roman Catholic. According to the 2015 census, the 38 million inhabitants are about 92.9% Roman Catholic, 1.3% of other faiths, 3.1% of no religion, and 2.7% did not answer.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for independent Baptists to establish more churches in Poland.
- Pray for the Polish to search for God more than for material gain.
- Pray for more souls to be saved, especially among young people.
- Pray for Paul Sock, our missionary in Poland.

# MISSIONARY MINUTE

Sunday

November 15, 2020

OUR MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK  
Bro. and Mrs. Carl Sparks to  
Philippines



Bro. Jonathan (Carl) and Ellen Sparks serve the Waray-Waray people of Samar and Leyte Islands in the Philippines. The Sparks have been serving the Lord on the field 19 years, enduring health, family, financial, spiritual, and legal trials. There is much to be done, but they continue to serve "to the finish." The weather is rainy where they are, and they have survived storms and typhoons, though not without loss. They have started three churches and have worked with four churches and have many different preaching points and outreaches in different areas. They also started the Samar Independent Baptist Bible School/Seminary, and they would like to start a radio ministry. In addition, they have started tract saturation drives in several areas. Bro. Sparks was under quarantine "house arrest" nearly 5 months in Cebu, but is now back in Cagaut. Bro. Sparks says, "The quarantine and lockdowns continue but we are not idle nor is the Holy Spirit. In my office are 50,000 Chick Tracts (in Waray and Tagalog), 10,000 Waray tracts, and 940 or so '7Keys' (discipleship) course booklets (in Waray)...and we are laying out our plan for the New Testament in (KJV) and Waray in a parallel version. We already have the ABC's of Christian Growth translated. Our goal is to be able to communicate these lessons and eventually the whole Bible in Waray but for now we are concentrating on getting the Gospel and basic discipleship lessons to the barely literate and illiterate folks in the villages and poorer areas."

## Requests

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare hearts to receive the Gospel.
- Pray for the Lord to give them strength, wisdom, and health.
- Pray for funds for a new copier and a vehicle.
- Pray for safety from typhoons this year.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER LETTERS

### **HUNGARY**

Jim Pranger

### **INDIA**

Vito Aomi

### **ITALY**

Clifford Keister

### **MEXICO**

Tommy Ashcraft

### **MYANMAR**

Moore Montes

### **PERU**

Paul Anger

### **POLAND**

Paul Sock

### **UGANADA**

Gregg Schoof

### **WORLDWIDE**

Gil Anger  
Bill Patterson

### Other

**Angers**– health. Financial needs met during this time.

## Prayer Letter Requests

**G. Anger**– *Our Health.*

**P. Anger**– *God's direction with housing.*

**V. Aomi**– *College to open up soon. God to continue to meet needs.*

**T. Ashcraft**– *Emily's health.*

**C. Keister**– *Souls. My wife and kids to progress well in language study.*

**M. Montes**– *Ability to get back to mission field soon.*

**B. Patterson**– *More advances in Mongolian translation.*

**J. Pranger**– *God's blessing on our trip to and from the states. Our daughter's safe delivery of our granddaughter.*

**G. Schoof**– *Ability to purchase and take radio equipment back to Uganda when we go.*

**P. Sock**– *Encouragement for our people during this time.*

**D. Tascarella**– *Field to open up soon. Our people to be encouraged during our absence.*

Fruit Abounding to Our Account

Philippians 4:17

(Excerpts from letter of Missionary Tommy Ashcraft to Mexico)



*Last Thursday night during church-wide soul winning, I witnessed to Moises, a middle-aged man. After showing him from the Scriptures that what he was doing was sin, he humbly prayed and trusted Christ as his Saviour. What a joy it is to find people who are willing to listen to the Gospel!*

*This week I had another wonderful time preaching the Missions Conference for Bro. Joel Garcia in Liberty Fundamental Baptist Church in Saltillo, 80 miles from home. Bro. Garcia was trained in Bro. Sonny Fritz's Bible college here in Monterrey. Bro. Sonny Fritz came to Mexico as a missionary in the early 60s, not very long after my family arrived. Bro. and Mrs. Fritz were saved in a church started by Bro. Bryan Williams in Ennis, Texas. Bro. Williams also served as a missionary in the Monterrey area. Bro. Williams was saved and baptized in the church my father, L.H. Ashcraft, pastored in Waxahachie, Texas. So, my Dad reached Bro. Williams, Bro. Williams reached Bro. Fritz, Bro. Fritz trained Bro. Garcia, and I had the privilege of preaching Bro. Garcia's Missions Conference 60 years later! Wow! Is God good or what?!*

Keep our  
missionaries  
and their people  
in prayer during this time.  
Pray for their finances,  
for their people to be  
encouraged and remain  
faithful through this time.