

COUNTRY PRAYER FOCUS

MAKING "...RIVERS IN THE DESERT."
Isaiah 43:19

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Prayer Focus: Poland



Capital City: Warsaw
Government: Parliamentary Republic
Population: 38,523,261 (July 2016 est.-The CIA World Factbook)
Major People Groups: Polish 97%, Silesian 1%, German 0.2%
Religion: 87% Catholic, 1.3% Orthodox, 0.4% Protestant, 11% unspecified

Spiritual Climate from Zbyszek Masewicz (Country Director)

The 4th of June 1989 marked the first democratic elections to take place in Poland after the Second World War. These elections had a direct effect on the fall of communism, not only in Poland but in all of Eastern Europe. Ever since that date, our country has seen many significant changes. The freedom brought out much positive energy in people. The economic changes had some harmful consequences, never-the-less, our economy keeps on growing. We are currently ranked 25th in the world according to our GDP. Even though the society is increasingly secular, there remains a huge group of believers. We uphold our values: family, growth and success.

According to one leader's opinion, the different social strata in Poland have undergone many changes. People are becoming wealthier and less attached to religion. In our society, around 80% of people declare they are religious but only around 40% are attending (mainly Catholic) church. Our ministry has been operating in Poland since 1977, mainly among students but also among families, marriages, businessmen and women, athletes, as well as in cooperation with other churches.

Our main challenge is to find effective ways of reaching people with the Gospel. The people who are not religious identify their main goal as material rather than spiritual wealth. Due to our history, we have great needs when it comes to building Biblical leadership in those who come to Christ.

We are looking forward to the arrival of the Momentum Europe Impact Tour in October. We see in Warsaw many opportunities to take advantage of their various gifts and experience to help us in connecting business and professional people in Warsaw to the love of Jesus.

Through our connections with Momentum Europe, God has already done great things in helping us involve over 40,000 men and women from primarily a Catholic context in the 10 week evangelistic Bible study known as the Alpha Course. Now we are excited to see what will happen in Warsaw through our partnership with Momentum Europe."

Impact Tour to Poland (Oct. 9-15)

Each fall Momentum Europe partners help expand and accelerate ministry among Eastern European business and professional leaders, reaching and engaging them with the Gospel. This year a group of 14 Americans from various backgrounds are traveling to Warsaw to take part in outreach opportunities to their peers in both large and small gatherings, one-on-one appointments and over meals together.

Prayer Requests

Impact Tour and Polish Leader Impact Ministry

*Please pray for those traveling from America to Warsaw to be prepared by the Holy Spirit to connect with people in meaningful ways.

*Pray for the many logistical and promotional details that need to be coordinated as outreaches are planned for leaders in business, education and medicine as well as numerous events aimed at students, young professionals, women and perhaps even those in government.

*Pray that the staff and volunteers of Cru's LeaderImpact ministry group in Warsaw will be encouraged and energized in following up the fruit of the Impact Tour.

The Broader Polish Ministry

*Please pray for the ability to take advantage of the society's openness to different ideas by coming up with effective evangelization methods.

*Ask God to give our ministry workers courage to share the Gospel with those who are now pushing back against it.

*One big need is for young people to hear God's call to join in the work of the harvest. Please pray for those who are being disciple by Cru as students to be drawn into the joy of serving the Lord fulltime.

