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REACH polska

THE MIELONEN'S LIFE & ADVENTURE WITH GOD

TO AND FROM THE LAND THAT BROUGHT US NICOLAUS COPERNICUS

THE DUDE WHO FIGURED OUT THE EARTH ROTATES AROUND THE SUN

The core of our mission

¹¹ Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹² Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. ¹³ This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13 new living translation.

This past year?
Full. Intense. Rich.
Preparation.

Well more than a year has passed since we sent out a mass update, we can't believe time has flown by so quickly! Having Emma has certainly changed life, yet her personality and presence has been even more of a confirmation of God's call on our entire family.

Outside of the Poland piece of our lives, we have been walking with members of our church family through hard times, everything from financial, physical, deaths, to births, God's blessings, and God's healing touch!

In December Travis voluntarily took a new job, with great benefits, great people, and with the kind of company that he may be able to work for after we move to Poland. The only trade off was a fairly significant pay-cut.

So we have decided to sell our 2002 Subaru Impreza WRX - this will free up some room in our monthly budget and allow us to regain the savings we had

before paying out over a thousand dollars in dental bills, and unexpected expenses. This car has given us amazing memories, and God has certainly used it to bless us and others.

If you or anyone you know would be interested, we are selling it for below blue book value (needs new rear breaks, some body work, and has 138,500 miles on it) and it runs amazingly well and has given us zero major issues. We're asking \$6,000 and are willing to negotiate, anyone from Portland to Seattle (or willing to meet us in either city).

So what do we do here in Gresham? We are leading a home group, coaching another couple in leading a home group, and we lead the young adults group at our church. The fruit and the relationships from these ministries is very rewarding, and we praise God for them all the time.

Even though we are experiencing difficult

times, in our personal lives, in our friends, and in our family, we continue to see how good God really is. In every area where we have felt grief, heartache, pain, and whatever else the world throws at us, we have seen God's hand and love touch at just the right moment - compelling us to worship him through everything!



Many ways to stay in touch!

www.reachpolska.info — our family & ministry website

travis.reachppolska.info — Travis' blog

alexis.reachpolska.info — Alexis' blog

emma.reachpolska.info — Emma's blog



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Missionary Training

Intensive - Los Angeles

This past April we had the privilege of going to Foursquare headquarters in Los Angeles for a 10 day training intensive. Our home church in Gresham blessed us by providing for all the travel and the training expenses, as well as paying for Travis' mom to fly from Seattle to watch Emma for us!

The training was much like a college intensive course, we met from 8am to about 6pm each day. We sat under the instruction of past missionaries, whose stories were incredibly encouraging and inspiring. We



also received training in all of the administrative steps needed before our launch, as well as managing our lives once we are "in country". We found the time to be invaluable and left excited and humbled to be part of such an amazing family of believers.

Since our time there we have been working on the details of what our

job description will be and how we aim to accomplish that. We have only a few more steps to go, some medical assessments, and completing our Foursquare ministry licensing process.

This has been five years in the making, we thank all of you for your support!

DONATION INFORMATION



If you have prayerfully considered a financial donation, please know we take this as a seed to plant God's truth.

Please send tax-deductible donations, made payable to
East Hill Church to:

East Hill Church
PO BOX 650
Gresham, OR 97030

On the MEMO line put:
For our next short term trip please write "Poland MT"

To contribute to our long term fund please write "Poland LT - Mielonen family"

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www.reachpolska.info/donate

REACH Polska: What are our next steps, prayer needs, and financial needs?

We have a number of prayer requests in regards to our next steps. The biggest prayer request is that we are not discouraged by what seems to be a huge amount of financial need. Currently we have little of our own money to put into our accounts—this is difficult for us, and humbling to ask— but we feel strongly that God is wanting us to be in this place for this season. If we could be self-supportive, we would, and we know God is using this to build our character.

Consider this a "soft launch" of our support fundraising—as soon as we complete the first two points below we will begin fundraising in other churches. As we get closer and closer to our departure the fears rise up, and the pressure mounts. God has provided this far and we know he will continue to. Below we have listed each of the steps and their associated costs.

- Complete medical assessments for the family \$60
- Complete our Foursquare ministry licensing
 - \$200 for application

- Passing the oral boards

- Begin fundraising — our initial amount to raise before deployment is \$69,184 — for details visit the website.
 - \$30/month from 200 donors starting in August 09 gets us to this goal!
- Language courses here in Portland — \$150 per month
- Building relationships with leaders throughout Poland—we hope to make another trip in either early November or early December to develop our relationships and solidify our final ministry ideas to the Foursquare workers in Poland. This possible trip would be about \$2000 each (we hope to bring a small team) and we already have \$1700 of that in our short term account.

We thank you most for your prayers, we are strong believers in the power of prayer and covet your prayers daily!

Fundraising statement:

The funds raised are not the personal property of the individual, but are credited to the Mission Department at East Hill Church. Therefore should a team member be unable to participate in the outreach, or be removed from the team for a breach in moral and behavioral expectations, the money will not be returned to the contributors. If the sum of your donation(s) is **not** more than \$100 you will not receive a receipt, for tax purposes please use your canceled check as your receipt.