

# LADAGE UPDATE

## Church planting catalysts in Europe



### Warsaw, Poland

I felt a sense of pride and joy as we listened to the translator repeat Adam's sermon in English. This was the first service we attended in Adam and Klaudia's church plant in Warsaw. Warmth and community described the atmosphere on a Sunday afternoon in this office building located in the western part of the city, where there is no other evangelical church.

When we met this fantastic couple two years ago, they were just beginning to dream of what their fellowship might look like. Understanding the gospel and the need to share it with lost people in their region burned in their hearts, so we knew they would be great church planters!

Starting with 4 couples the church has grown to almost 60 members in 1 1/2 years. Adam and Klaudia use creative ways to reach the people in their area.

After spending all day with them, we were once again reminded of the dedication and hard work it takes to be a church planter. From setting up before the service until the last box is packed and stored for the following Sunday Adam and Klaudia never stop working. How does a couple with two young children persevere through the difficulties of planting a church? They trust in God and remind each other of why they do it—out of love, joy, and

gratitude of what Jesus has done. Adam and Klaudia work long hours, listening to people, asking questions, learning more about planting a church, researching future spaces to meet in, preparing sermons, practicing worship music for Sundays, and praying because they know they are not sufficient for the task. Klaudia is also an English teacher who helps support them.

During lunch the next day we asked them, "What do you think are your strengths?" After a few minutes, Adam replied, "That's a good question. We never thought about it? I think it's that we are normal." At first, I wasn't sure what he meant, but then I realized he was exactly right. Adam and Klaudia are real, authentic, and humble people. This is why people are drawn to them. We also added that we felt they were a great team and worked well together.

Just like a lot of church planters they face the threat of being kicked out of the space they rent on Sunday mornings. Few places are available they can afford, but they keep looking. Praise God who knows their needs and will provide at the right time! It is such a privilege to come alongside Adam and Klaudia, encouraging, strengthening and comforting them. They are heroes in my book, just like every church planter, his wife, and his family who participate in establishing lights in cities!

At the end of October, we will be participating in a conference in Kraków, Poland where 600 church planters, pastors and leaders in the City to City European network will gather for 3 days. It's exciting to see the growth since we arrived 5 years ago! Churches like Adam and Klaudia's are growing, and some are already multiplying. We also have local men training other church planters! We praise God for what he is doing all over Europe and for the privilege of joining him.

Please pray

- those who attend the conference will be inspired, encouraged, and equipped to see the gospel spread in their cities.
- for the church planters and trainers, we are working with in Helsinki, Stockholm, Moscow, Warsaw, Krakow, Kiev, and Bucharest.
- for Bobby as he teaches on urban church planting in a seminary in Kiev for 5 days. On one of those days I will be sharing about praying for your city.
- us to have time to pack and be ready to move to Birmingham, UK in December.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

In Him, Teresa