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Dear friends,

Greetings from Evangelical School of Theology in Poland.

I am writing to request your prayers and assistance as EST faces a very difficult financial situation and must consider various options for the present and future of EST. **The school needs one time and/or monthly support in the amount of \$10,000 a month** for programs, faculty salaries, library acquisitions, student scholarships, compassionate care projects, teaching materials, computers, expenses for off-site conferences and courses, etc.

We have much to be thankful for and trust God to provide for a ministry that is now in its 21st year and continues to grow in three key areas:

- 1. Academics-Leadership Development, which includes the B.A. program, School of Leaders, School of Biblical Languages, School of Apologetics, and Open Theological Academy (on site teaching and training at various churches).
- 2. Compassionate care and community involvement. The Academy of III Age for seniors continues to grow and develop in cooperation with local churches and the City of Wroclaw. The current program will integrate our theological knowledge with an emphasis on volunteerism through training in practical workshops, excursions, and service that will include the Children's Hospice Foundation of Wroclaw, Palliative Care Association and a ward for adolescents at a psychiatric hospital in Wroclaw.
- 3. Cooperation with other churches, Christian organizations, and fellowships in Wroclaw and throughout Poland.
 - A few weeks ago EST was invited to Warsaw, together with the heads of the main Polish churches (Polish Ecumenical Board), for the New Year celebration with the President of the Republic of Poland. It was an amazing experience and wonderful opportunity to establish new contacts and strengthen old ones. It was encouraging to hear from various church leaders their appreciation for the ministry of EST.
 - In January 2011 there was the annual Week of Prayer for Unity of Christians in Wroclaw. EST hosted one of the sessions. The topic was "Apostolic Tradition and Contemporary Challenges".
 - An important Catholic organization in Wroclaw (Catholic Intelligence Club) asked the faculty at EST to give them a series of lectures on Protestantism and Evangelicalism.
 - The Association of Evangelical Pastors meets regularly at EST.
 - EST also partners with other churches and organizations for conferences, training seminars, and special events (e.g. Days of Reformation and Festival of Protestant Culture).

In addition to academics/leadership development, community involvement and Christian cooperation there is also recognition of and partnership with various city and regional officials. Recently the Vice Mayor and City Conservator of Wroclaw visited EST. We showed them the new roof (which was last replaced following WWII) and shared how the school operates. They were very impressed with the quality that EST offer and said that they are willing to work with EST on other projects.

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Please, thank God for what is going on in Wroclaw and in Poland, ask Him for help for us, and think creatively how we can go on with the vision that began under communism in the late 1980's and has affected the lives and ministries of hundreds of people throughout Poland, Central Europe and countries in the former Soviet Union.

With much gratitude,

Dr. Wojciech Szczerba, Rector w.szczerba@ewst.pl

"Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done." I Chronicles 16:8		
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