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... to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up... Ephesians 4:12 (NIV)

Dear friends,

Warm greetings from snowy Wrocław. This year there has been more snow than usual and many challenges in getting around the City, dealing with snow on the EST roof and recent flooding in some of the dorm rooms once the snow began to melt. But God has also given us a good beginning to 2010 and we're encouraged by several continuing events and programs, visiting speakers, second semester of classes and upcoming events. We pray that you will also be encouraged as you read what God is doing at EST and in Wrocław.

January 2010:



*** Prayer Week for Unity of Christians** - Evangelical School of Theology (EST) once again participated in the Prayer Week for Unity of Christians. This year's theme was, *"You are witnesses of these things"* from Luke 24:48. The participants included: representatives of member churches of the Polish Ecumenical Council, of the Roman Catholic Church and also the EST faculty.

The organizers were inspired by the words of Christ commanding us to preach the Gospel to all nations and presented talks and meetings that focused on missions. The speakers discussed aspects of missions in their churches and related them to numerous current issues such as dialogue with other religions and denominations, the need for continuing evangelism, various facets of Christ's message, and social assistance to the needy. The session at EST (on January 22) created much interest, which was followed by lively discussions after the meeting. It was definitely a special time when people of various churches continued discussing the important issues presented by the speakers.

*** Dr. Riad Kassis from Lebanon visited EST, January 25-27, 2010**

Dr. Kassis (*sitting on the left*) specializes in Old Testament and Middle Eastern studies. He is also a Presbyterian pastor and the Director for Asia and Central Europe with Overseas Council International, which supports theological education. This organization has been a partner with EST (previously BST) since the 1990's by offering scholarships, training courses and pastoral care. We are very grateful to the Lord for this friendship. Dr. Kassis spoke about the situation of Christianity in the Middle East pointing to centuries of Christian tradition in countries like Lebanon and Syria and to the complicated relationship between Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Dr. Kassis addressed these issues at a meeting of the Pastors' Covenant at EST. It was an incredibly significant meeting for everyone who attended and the participants learned a lot about the situation of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East. It was interesting to hear about the relationship between Israel and the Arab world from a Christian Arab who loves his brothers in Israel and who believes in peace in this troubled spot of the world.



February 2010:



*** Second semester for academic programs and Academy of Third Age** - The B.A. program, School of Leaders, English program and Academy of Third Age continued with the spring semester of classes, lectures and program. Please pray for those who participate to be steadfast and that they will see God working in their lives and ministry as they study His word and learn His truths.

Coming event, April 21-25, 2010:

*** Festival of Protestant Culture in Wroclaw – Second Edition**

The second edition of the Festival will take place April 21-25, 2010. The organizer of the Festival is Evangelical School of Theology, together with the Lutheran Church and other Protestant Churches. Representatives of other denominations are also involved in the Festival. The Mayor of Wroclaw, the German Consul General in Wroclaw, and the head of the Wroclaw Diocese of the Evangelical-Augsburg (Lutheran) Church, have agreed to serve as Patrons of the Festival. The television station Religia.tv will provide national media coverage of the events. The Festival is unique in Poland and fills an important gap by presenting the contribution of Protestant churches and individuals to Polish culture. Photos of the Festival in May 2009 can be found at: <http://www.fkp.ewst.pl/galeria/>



The program includes the opening worship service, walking tour of Protestant Wroclaw, unveiling of the bust of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (who was born in Breslau, Germany, which is now Wroclaw, Poland), a movie, concerts and ecumenical presentations by various schools and organizations (Duke Divinity School, American Bible Society, Polish section of International Bonhoeffer Society, etc.), and on the last day there will be special activities for children. We are delighted to extend to you a warm invitation to attend the many events that are scheduled. We appreciate your prayers as we prepare for the Festival.

Blessings in Him,
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