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Thanksgiving Greetings from Evangelical School of Theology

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us ... in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him." II Corinthians 2:14

Dear friends,

We hope you are doing fine. The last few weeks have been extremely busy for nearly everyone at EST. It is an amazing feeling to work with such a good team where people help each other, support each other and pray for each other and we treat you as an integral part of this team. I would like to write a few words about several recent and ongoing events at EST.

Academy of Third Age (September to December 2009):

The response to this program was so well received and attended during the 2008-2009 academic year that by popular demand EST is continuing to offer programs for older people. As we indicated several times, these men and women are generally forgotten in post communist countries and it is great to serve them. We need their wisdom and experience.

The program for this semester includes:

- Lectures on forgiveness, Alzheimer, how to help people who are dying, discrimination, and other practical topics;
- Talks about the Bible;
- Concerts at EST and other churches in Wrocław;
- Arts and crafts.

Christian Coaching Conference (October 24) with Dr. Gary Collins:

EST organized a counseling conference (Christian Coaching) with Dr. Gary Collins, a licensed clinical psychologist from the USA with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. He is author of numerous articles and over 50 books, including *Christian Coaching: Helping Others Turn Potential into Reality*.



Approximately 60 people attended the event. The reviews that we received afterwards were excellent. The general question was: When will there be a next part? Will you continue this course? It seems that we found a field that is not covered here in Poland. It would be great to offer similar sessions in the future.

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Days of Reformation (October 30 – November 1):

Day 1 - We organized a meeting at EST with the main topic "Christianity and suffering". There was also a concert by the youth choir "Angelus", and we collected money for a children's hospice in Wroclaw. The whole day went amazingly well. People came to EST from various churches, universities, and representatives of the local government. It was wonderful to see people we met during the Festival of Protestant Culture in May. The lectures, including one on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, were very interesting.

Day 2 - There was an ecumenical worship service at the Lutheran Church. The sermon was deep and thoughtful, the music was great, and the choir they invited was marvelous and again, more about the hospice... it was difficult not to cry hearing about the ministry for sick children.



Day 3 - We showed the movie Amazing Grace at EST and it was followed by a panel discussion. Piotr Lorek (Academic Dean) was the master of the ceremonies and he did a great job. We asked a Baptist minister to give a word of introduction. After the movie the main topic/idea of discussion was "Christianity and contemporary slavery".

Summary - I think very positively of the "Days of Reformation". We were able to integrate other Protestant/evangelical churches as organizers. More than 300 people participated in the whole event. I believe that this precedential "Days of Reformation" set a good example for the next year. We were also able to serve the children's hospice and want to start a long-standing friendship with the hospice and minister to the children not only by collecting money, but mainly by being with them and organizing trips and events for the kids and help them in their extremely difficult situation.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your support and your prayers. Please pray for EST and Poland as we seek "... to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Ephesians 4:12 NIV

Blessings in Him,
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