



May/June 2009

Dear friends,

Greetings from Evangelical School of Theology. What an amazing week for EST and the City of Wrocław. EST organized a first-ever Festival of Protestant Culture, May 25-31, 2009. Wrocław has a rich Protestant heritage, which has been generally unknown. The festival broadened the city's knowledge of its past, stimulating ecumenical dialog and understanding. Numerous churches and para-church organizations cooperated with EST to bring together a wide variety of events in this week-long Festival, which was partly sponsored by the city government. There were concerts, workshops, a walking tour of Protestant Wrocław, a showing of the movie 'Luther', lectures and discussions, and a fun fair for children. In addition, we celebrated the official opening of the Jonathan Edwards Center at EST, partnering with Yale University.

The first event was an ecumenical service at the Lutheran Church. I don't remember ever seeing so many Protestant pastors gathered under one roof, and the Catholic archbishop also had a role in the service. I pray that this will be the beginning of much more contact between believers of various churches.

So much happened during the week that it would take pages to share all of it with you. The last event of the Festival was a concert given by a youth choir from the Pentecostal church. They sang a Bach cantata and some gospel songs. It was a great, great performance with a wonderful atmosphere. Dr. Piotr Lorek (Academic Dean) and I gave a short introduction explaining the main ideas of Protestantism and Evangelicalism. We encouraged people to get to know more about Protestantism.



Now we all are ready to crash after a whole week of incredible work by many people to make the Festival happen. However, it was worth spending all these hours of work to see God's hand in action among us! The response was better than we expected and the Festival has opened doors for further dialog and opportunities. Below is a collage of photos to give you a hint of what was going on here during the last week. Also, please visit this link

for more photos of the Festival: <http://www.fkp.ewst.pl/galeria/>

Please pray for everyone at EST as we finish the academic school year in a few days and for the summer ministry plans and activities that are ahead of us. Pray also for God to work in the hearts of Polish Christians to study at EST.

Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for keeping us in your hearts. Without you, it would have been impossible to organize the Festival or for this ministry to have an impact on Wrocław and Poland. You all are a true blessing to us.

Please pray for the expansion of our programs and ministries (such as Festival of Protestant Culture). Currently, Evangelical School of Theology needs to raise an additional \$8,000 a month for the growth and development of this ministry. Funds are needed either in one-time gifts or in monthly support.

Blessings in Him,

Dr. Wojciech Szczerba, Rector
(On behalf of everyone at Evangelical School of Theology)



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