



News from Baltic School of Ministry

Another year is about to finish and we want to share with you some news to keep you up to date with what's going on here as well as opportunities to get involved with BSM!

Ready?



Mission Trip

At the beginning of April we were able to go on our first mission trip beyond the Baltics! The destination? **Poland, Warsaw**, where we served in three different churches: a Spanish speaking Church made mainly from a big Latin American community, the local Polish Church, and an Ukrainian Church. It was a rich experience since we served many different cultures in such a short period of time, which gave us the opportunity to reflect with the students about the challenges missionaries face when serving cross-culturally.

One of our students said in our last talk when we reflected about the trip, "*Now I understand how important and difficult it is to learn the language of the receiving culture*" What an amazing realisation for such a short mission trip!

We had time to visit families, participate in an evangelistic picnic, minister in a youth meeting, and take part in several services on Sunday. On top of that, our students had time to walk around the beautiful city of Warsaw.

Our next mission trip in **2023/24** will be to **England, Manchester**. We can't wait to see what God will do in that trip!

Graduation is coming soon!

In just a matter of weeks (**June 9th**), we will celebrate our 13th graduation. With our current group of ten students finishing their year, the number of graduates will be **over 270**, making an average of 20 students per year since we started back in 2009. **God is good!** But graduation is not the end of our working year, to the contrary, it's the beginning of a new one...

Summer work



This is the time of the year when we take advantage of the school being almost empty to repair, renew, and improve our facility. Our plan for this summer includes:

- **Repair our six bathrooms.** This will be without a doubt the biggest work done so far in the building. We are looking at removing the floor to place new plumbing, tiles, toilets, and pretty much all furnitures. The ground floor will include a bathroom for people with reduced mobility, as well as ready for mums with little babies.
- **Transform the room next to our Chapel into a kid's room.** That way, parents will be able to participate in services while taking care of their kids. We have seen an increase of students coming with kids, so we want to provide a better space for them.
- **We want to close our backyard with a fence**, which will allow us to rent the building out for kid's camps. At the moment it is a bit dangerous to hold camps since kids can go out of the building and run into a street that is becoming more active every day. Having a closed backyard will increase security and allow parents to safely let their kids play there. As you can see, the idea is to *make the building more family friendly*.
- **Additionally**, we have several other small improvements for the students' rooms.

Think you can help us?

- In order to do these repairs and improvements we need:
- **Teams.** People willing to come for a few days to help with various work. No particular expertise needed.
 - **Funds.** We still need to raise at least **EUR 5000** more (GBP 4500 / USD 5500).