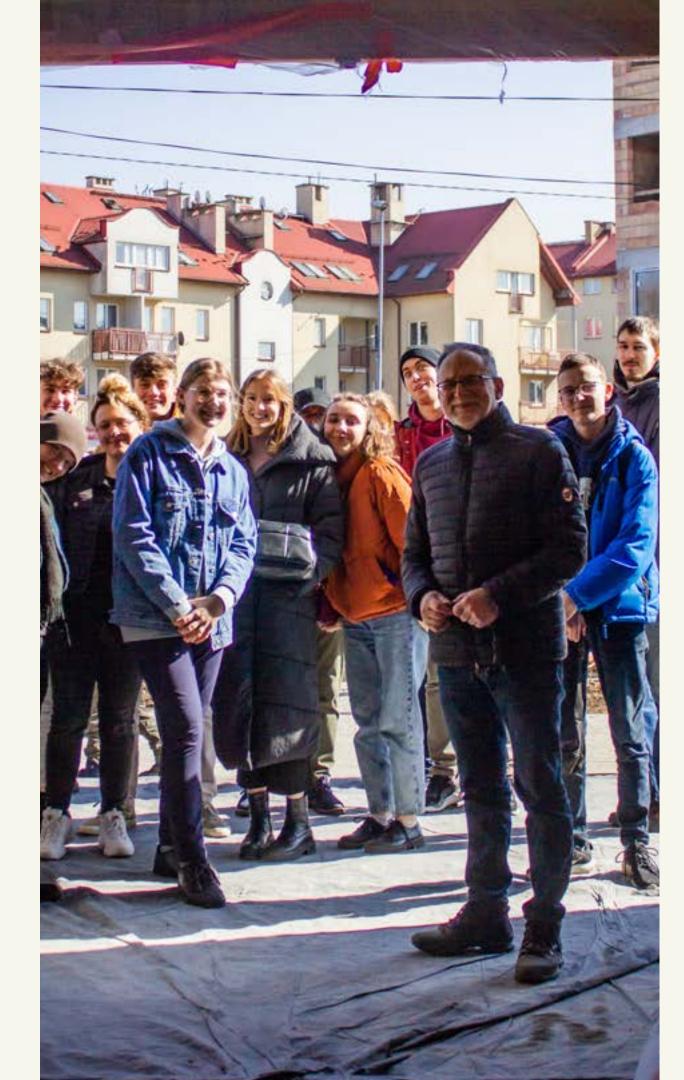
## **BETLEJEM PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**



## Betlejem Church

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE BUILDING OF A CHRISTIAN CENTER IN KRAKOW, POLAND



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## The Birth of Our Church

## FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

Władysław Sosulski was a thirty-year-old Polish army officer when World War II ended. Upon arriving in Kraków, he immediately began seeking out local believers.

It was not the first time that Władysław received support from fellow believers during times of great hardship in his life. Only six weeks after he was married, the young couple were forcibly deported from their home in the Kresy region in Poland. They were put in a cattle wagon to travel east past the Ural mountains all the way to Krasnoyarsk Krai in Siberia, together with many other Kresowiaks.

The year was 1940. Both Władysław and his wife survived, despite living in a dugout and being forced into hard labour as lumberjacks. They sustained their faith thanks to the local community of evangelical Siberians.





#### 1946

The founding of our Church and our first baptism.

#### 1950-1953

Due to repression from Poland's political regime, the Church goes underground and meetings are held in secret in people's homes.

#### 1976

The Church's first service is held in "Betlejem" or "House of Bread," a small former stable that was purchased two years earlier and transformed into Betlejem's first home.

#### 1983-1993

Through the missionary work of Betlejem, a further seven Pentecostal churches are planted near Kraków over the span of a decade: Skawina – 1983; Nowa Huta – 1987; Nowy Sącz – 1987; NowyTarg – 1988; Olkusz – 1989; Busko-Zdrój – 1989; Krzeszowice –1993.

#### 1993

In co-operation with other local evangelical churches, Betlejem organises its first public Gospel crusade in a large sports hall in Kraków, with guest speaker Billy Graham. In the same year, the church's rapid growth necessitates hiring a larger venue for Sunday services.

#### 1999

The beginnings of Betlejem's mission to the homeless, which grows into Street Church.

#### 2009

The church's dynamic growth enables the purchase of land for Betlejem's new church building.

#### 2014

The church is granted all necessary building permits to build Kraków's new Christian Centre – Betlejem's new home, a "House of Bread" for all.

## Our Church History

A BRIEF TIMELINE

## United Into One Fellowship

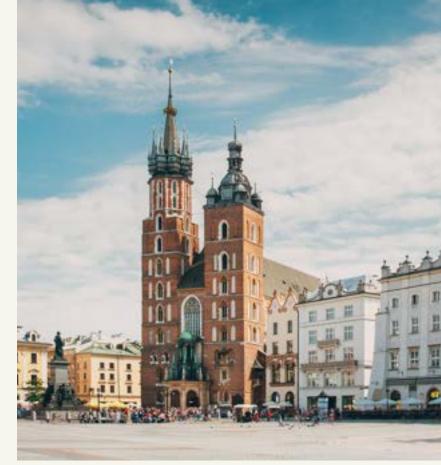
• We want to have a positive impact on our local area in Kraków, and to transform the lives of all the people that God brings to us.

• We build good interpersonal relationships in an atmosphere of mutual love and acceptance.

• We minister to those who are in need with the love, wisdom, and power of the Holy Spirit.









## Community Outreach – What We Do



## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

They are our present and our future, and are more in need of role models today than ever before – Christ, His love, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

No embrace is stronger than that of a woman's, who walks hand in hand with God.

## STUDENTS' MINISTRY

Kraków is a university town and is full of youth, who also need to be touched by God.

## SENIORS' MINISTRY

"Gray hair is a crown of splendor" (Proverbs 16:31)









## MINISTRY FOR ISRAEL

To us, it is a privilege, while to our "elder brothers in faith" in Belarus and Ukraine it is a reassurance that God has not abandoned them.

## BETLEJEM OUTSIDE

"As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'" (Matthew 10:7)

## WORKING TOGETHER WITH OTHER CHURCHES

We are united by Christ, mutual prayer, and neighbourly love.

## New Betlejem

A NEED FROM THE HEART



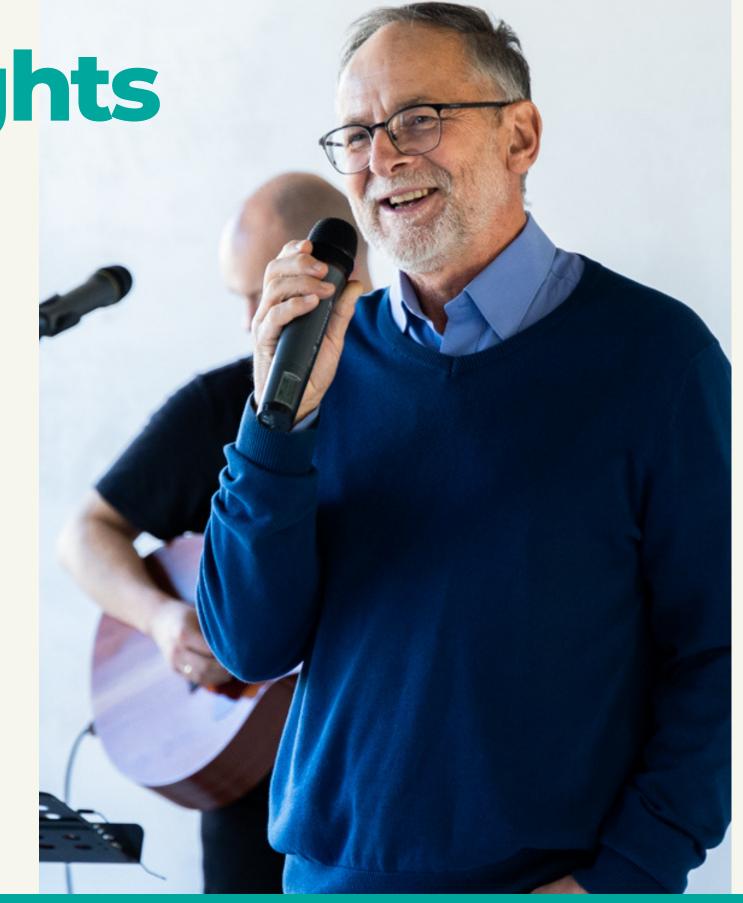
## Our pastor's thoughts

## WIESŁAW DIDOSZAK

"I believe that dreams which are born out of relationship with God become a passion which will always see its fruition."

"Being a part of God's plans and actions is the adventure of a lifetime."

"To invest in God's Kingdom is the best decision in your life, both from an earthly and heavenly perspective."















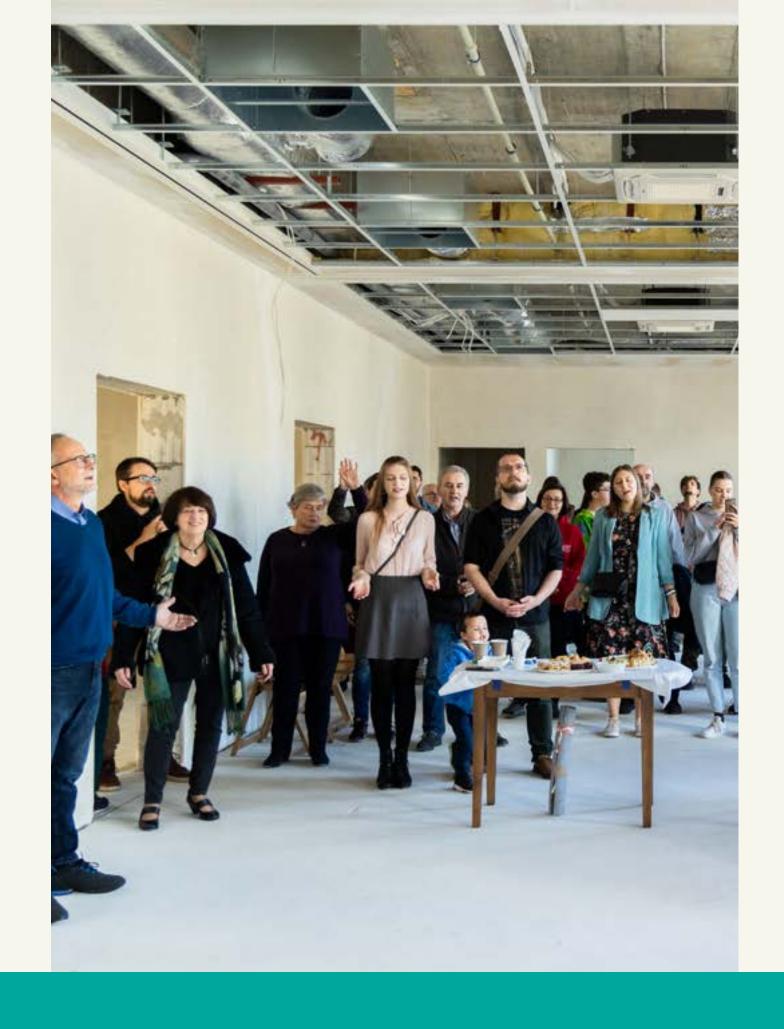






# Without a sense of caring there can be no sense of community.

ANTHONY J. D'ANGELO



## Why We Do It

TO BUILD COMMUNITY

TO HELP OTHERS

TO BUILD KINGDOM OF GOD

## Recommendation of our bishop

"Getting their own building and facilities is a prerequisite for the further development of this particular congregation."

"It is worth mentioning that Betlejem's ministry is important for the spiritual situation in Poland, with Krakow, as the second largest city, considered to be a key place for spreading the Gospel in our country."



## MAREK KAMIŃSKI General Superintendent Pentecostal Church of Poland

DOWNLOAD THE RECOMMENDATION

## Fundraising History

## WHAT WE'VE DONE IN THE PAST

#### 1995

The initial fundraising round for "New Betlejem". The initial capital was \$9,160.

#### 2009

Purchase of land for the new church building. To fund this, we had to sell our old church building and venture into the unknown with faith in God's plan for us.

### 2014

The Church is granted all necessary building permits to build the Kraków Christian Centre.

#### 06.2014

Works begin; the first piece of land was dug.

### <u>See video</u>

### 03.2015

Ceremony of laying of the foundation act at the building site.

## 506



First stroll through the new building. No windows yet, but there are doors, a roof, and outlines of all internal walls. We are slowly seeing our dreams become reality.

11.2022

The Church's address is added to the registry: 16 Wodna street, Kraków.

2023

The building continues to grow and the end of our journey is slowly coming into sight.

We thank God for how much we have already fundraised.

Our Church is 75% complete.





## "God Loves You" Tour

On April 13, 2024, Franklin Graham is coming to Kraków to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our great desire is to welcome all those believers with arms wide open.

May the New Betlejem become a new home for all of us!

## Be a part of something big

WE ARE ONLY 25% AWAY FROM COMPLETING GOD'S WORK!

WE ARE SHORT OF \$500,000.

Join us!

Be part of something unique! Have the privilege of supporting God's work!



## The Fundraising Committee

## MAKING OUR FUNDRAISING POSSIBLE

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Dominika Janiszewska, Maciej Młynek

Communication and marketing

## How You Can Help

### **PRAY**

"For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened". (Matthew 7:8)

## SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH US

You have an idea you would like to share with us? You can use <u>the form on our website</u> or email us at <u>biuro@betlejem.krakow.pl</u>

### BE OUR AMBASSADOR!

If you believe that it's worth "investing" in God's work in Kraków, share the news about our campaign with others! Use your social media!

## **CLICK TO DONATE**

We believe that every dollar matters.

To support the construction of the Christian Center financially, click on the button below.

Thank you with all our hearts!

#### **DONATE**

You will be redirected to a donation page

## Contact Information

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