



News Update - 12 Months On

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It's 12 months since we arrived and what a wild ride we've been on, from seeing lots of Europe to incredibly challenging and hard work with Next Level International. In this issue is a report on a recent trip to Poland and news from the family. None of us would be here without your support and friendship, so as we move into year 2 we are believing for much more impact beyond what we have experienced as well as opportunity to share it with you.

"Poland via Germany"

Recently Daniel and I travelled to Poland and Germany to take part in a youth mission and then to observe other teams from the USA as they work with the Polish church planters in the NLI projects.

It was a brilliant trip, the time we were able to spend together and the levels of participation with the UK and Polish team was excellent.

Zarrow

For a week Daniel taught guitar to local children in the afternoons and helped paint the cultural centre and a school in the town of Zarrow.

Because of this work, 4 newspapers came and took photos and interviewed the team, we were also invited to meet the mayor of the region where we were presented with gifts to honour the



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occasion. The local church planter Adam, was given a free reign within the town to come and help the community in whatever way he felt would be beneficial. This is a

huge thing, especially in many of the towns of Poland, any church that is not Catholic is viewed with suspicion and even hostility. However, once they see that the church planter only wants to help the community trust and friendship soon replace trepidation.

From Zarrow we travelled to Frankfurt Oder in East Germany to visit another youth team that was there with 126 other young people for an intensive training and outreach program into the community.

Szprotawa

Szprotawa was the next stop back in Poland where we joined up with a team from Minnesota, USA. My focus being to observe how the team fits in to life in another culture while also seeing if the church planter welcomes them and helps them to have a positive experience from the first moment. As always the team is impacted by the hardships and dedication of the pastor and his church and likewise the church are thrilled and strengthened by the presence of these 10 or 12 foreigners who travelled half way around the world to come and serve them.

By the time the team members

Support Update

Our support has seen a drop in recent times with the loss of some supporters. We have absolutely been blessed by their dedication and kindness towards us. Thankyou for your support and prayers for us and especially all those who contacted Lynda after the death of her father. We need to stay above the

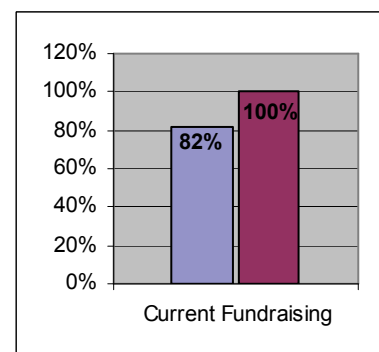
80% mark otherwise Scott will need to travel back to Australia to try and engage more support, this would put a fair bit of pressure on us to use monies that we have put aside for our budgeted expenses, please pray with us for more people to partner with us and for opportunities to speak to churches and

individuals about our needs. Specifically if we can get 10 supporters giving \$80 per month it would put us back in a more positive position. Another need we have is our car in Australia is just not selling, if you know anyone that would like to buy a great car, drop us an email.

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Prayer Requests:

- Lynda's health to improve
- Financial support that was lost to be replaced
- Sell our vehicle in Australia
- Scott to learn extra language skills
- Good health while traveling



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Scott & Lynda Thomson are living in Bedworth, UK and working with Next Level International. NLI is called to empower a new generation of leaders to equip, transform and expand the Church throughout Europe. With three of their four children they have re-located to the UK.

Scott is the Director of Operations at NLI. With ministry opportunities in Western, Central & Eastern Europe, as well as pastoral ministry responsibilities in the UK.

NLI is a totally self supporting organisation and as such the Thomson's need to raise their own support. You can be involved in this exciting work in Europe by supporting them monthly, yearly or with a one off donation.

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Poland via Germany cont...



Daniel teaching guitar

leave they have made friendships that continue with return trips and at the least regular email contact.

From there we joined a team in Legnica, what a beauti-

ful part of Poland this was, old world buildings and palaces unfortunately some were slowly eroding losing their former glory to the ravages of time and neglect.

The team took the Sunday morning church service, walked 3 miles to have lunch in the town and then we all hopped on an ancient old bus that would take us up into the hills to a town 40 minutes away.

Here we were treated to a concert in the town's only cinema. Around 600 people crammed into the small hall to hear and see the "Americans". Half way through the night a large contingent of gypsy mothers and children came and stood near the front of the stage totally enjoying everything the guys did on stage. The children were captivated at the skits laughing one minute then squealing and running away when one of the team dressed in black with a sinister mask came rushing on stage at a dramatic moment.

A very successful trip on many levels, with Daniel and Scott enjoying the time together thoroughly.

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Polish and UK team ... with a couple of Aussies

Thomson Family Update

Well here we are 12 months on! It has been the best and hardest 12 months of our lives, all the adjustments and cultural hardships but boy the opportunities have been incredible.

The best news is that we have bought a house near to the office, what a blessing it has been to see God provide every need we have. One of the long term benefits in buying the house has been the reduction of our monthly expenses due to the mortgage being much cheaper than the rent we are currently paying.

It was a huge step of faith to even say yes to buying a house considering we don't have the deposit yet, however the day after saying we would take the house someone from Australia contacted us to say they were giving us a large sum of money, it was half the deposit, we are trusting God for the rest. Nothing is impossible to Him! We hope to move in in early November this year, we would appreciate



I to r .. Lynda, Scott, Asha & Daniel

your prayers.

Scott has traveled through a number of countries already this first year taking part in all aspects of NLI's mission to Europe.

Lynda has had some health issues and on top of that lost her father and an auntie within 2 days of each other. When we left Australia Lynda had said goodbye to her

father knowing it was going to be the last time they would see each other, she has truly been courageous and selfless in making this move.

Asha is busy hairdressing and has purchased a tiny car to get around in, only problem is she hasn't driven a manual car before, please pray for the drivers and pedestrians in Bedworth!

Daniel has started going to college this year and was able to get into his first choice for courses. He is doing the National Diploma course in Music and Sound Engineering. He can't quite believe that all he does all day is play music.

Thank you for your friendship.

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— Blessings from the Thomson's