

Josiah Venture

The Eifling Family in Poland



After 18-1/2 years of ministry in Poland...

...it's time for a break.

Sometimes it's hard to quantify time.

What was happening in your life 18 years ago? We moved to Poland in June of 2006...in January 2007 David was born and in August 2008 Natalie was added to our family. More than the number of camps, youth meetings we've, and conferences we've led; more than statistics about the number of people reached with the gospel, young people disciplined, and leaders equipped...the pictures above most clearly help us capture the time we've served here and all we've experienced here.

After 18-1/2 years in Poland, we've been given the opportunity by Josiah Venture to come back to the US for an extended leave from January through July. Please read more below about the **goals of our leave**, as well as some **financial needs connected with this which you may be interested in helping to meet**.

Why an Extended Leave?

Home Assignment and Sabbatical

It's time for our regular return to the US to visit all of you who support us and our ministry, but this time we will stay longer and have a time of sabbatical. This will provide us with a much needed time of rest, renewal and investment in our own professional development so we can serve even more effectively when we return to Poland.

While Daniel has handed off all of his responsibilities in the ministry in Poland to others for the duration of our leave, Iwona will continue to oversee her team remotely (at significantly reduced levels) as the 29:11 team continues the work in Poland.

Family Rest, Renewal & Transition

We'll be honest, the life of a missionary kid is hard. David and Natalie have persevered and navigated the many challenges associated with our life as missionaries, and we are incredibly proud of them!

David is currently in 11th grade and turns 18 in January. We believe God has led us and He has provided the opportunity for David to finish high school in Denver at Front Range Christian School. David will transfer into FRCS in January as a full-time student, and then when the rest of us return to Poland in August, David will continue to live in Denver and finish his senior year at FRCS (including playing football, his passion!). We're thrilled for this opportunity for David and believe this is God's plan for him. It's a huge transition for him and our family, so this 7-month leave will both enable us to support David in his transition into life in America, as well as give us a special last chapter with him in our family before launching him into adulthood.

Natalie will be able to attend full-time and audit all of her classes. She's also excited to experience American teenage life in a Christian high school and youth group. We know this will be a special time for her before she returns with us to Poland!



Financial Support for Sabbatical Leave

We're in the last few weeks before we fly to the US on January 3rd. As you can imagine, there are huge costs associated with this extended leave. In addition to the financial

challenges due to the fact that our salary is based on the lower cost of living in Poland and we will live in Denver, we also will have some big expenses unique to this time in the US. Some of them include:

- Flights to the US
- House rental for 7 months
- Tuition at FRCS not covered by scholarships
- Costs for school and youth group trips and retreats
- Purchase of a car which we will leave with David
- Professional development activities for Daniel

We have had someone commit money for **matching any donations up to \$12,000**. So many of you have always been so generous and faithful, both in regular monthly giving, and also in times of special needs. We'd like to ask you if you would help with the costs of this sabbatical leave by making a special donation. If you'd like to, you can give by clicking on the button below, or write us and let us know if you'd like to send a donation by check. We trust the Lord will provide for this special time!

[Give a One-Time Donation](#)

Please pray for us as we wrap up all the logistical details and say goodbye to those we love and serve here in Poland. We look forward to connecting with you during our time in America!

Thank You for Your Support



Thank you, your prayers and support mean so much to our family!

Grateful,

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