

VISION

As Christians with an Anabaptist heritage, we have found that many Polish people feel a need for a way of life that is guided by the Biblical principles that we grew up with. Loving and following Jesus is attractive, even for people who don't know Him. Our vision is to call people into a vibrant, growing relationship with Jesus Christ and to equip believers for active participation in the Kingdom of God. By establishing a congregation that embraces Anabaptist values with culturally relevant applications, we hope to provide a framework in which men and women can disciple one another into maturity.

Our vision is to participate in the ministry of reconciliation that Jesus has given to His church. Jesus described this ministry in His call to Paul: "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me" (Acts 26:18). It is our joy to be part of Jesus' work!



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ANABAPTIST INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

Pointing

People To

Christ



MISSION STATEMENT

AIM promotes the spiritual growth of the Polish people by teaching and modeling life in Christian community.



HISTORY

The seeds of what is now Anabaptist International Ministries (AIM) were planted soon after World War II when John Overholt was involved in recovery work in Eastern Europe. He left Poland with a lifelong desire to see the Anabaptist vision planted in that country. One of his acquaintances, Jan Wierszyłowski, traveled to the United States in 1995 and visited Faith Builders Educational Programs where he met Melvin Lehman. In 1997, Melvin visited Poland and also caught a vision to see the Anabaptist/Mennonite faith re-established in Poland.

Two years later, Faith Builders Christian Fellowship decided to place a team in Poland and

Anabaptist International Ministries (AIM) was formed. Their vision was to establish an Anabaptist church and community in the country of Poland. On July 12, 2001, two families, John and Laura Smucker and Lavern and Lolita Hershberger, along with four young people, moved to Poland to establish a mission outreach.

- 2001-2005 Men taught in public schools
- Spring, 2005 Heritage Foundation formed
- Fall, 2005 Gateway to English opened
- 2007 Agape Mennonite Fellowship organized
- 2008 Translation of periodical "The Seed of Truth (SOT)" begun
- 2009 Printing and distribution of SOT started

This journey has been nothing short of a miraculous adventure that continues to this day. May the Lord continue to go before us so that His work can grow and prosper. Pray for us!



The first team of AIM



Jan and Ewa Wierszyłowski



PUBLICATION

Translating and distributing *The Seed of Truth* magazine

HOPE SINGERS

Encouraging evangelical Christians
Blessing people with good choral music
Learning about a new culture
Producing recordings to sell



MISSION ACTIVITIES

GATEWAY TO ENGLISH

Teaching conversational English to adults and children
Planning English nights, end-of-school cookouts and other special activities
Reaching students' hearts for God
Building relationships through one-on-one tutoring
Organizing summer lessons and participating in summer English camp



AGAPE MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

Encouraging relationships
Arranging Bible seminars and family conferences
Organizing Kid's Clubs for underprivileged children
Coordinating evenings for Ladies' Teas
Offering Bible studies
Helping families



Gdansk, Poland