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(Finally!!) And, most importantly, thank you for praying for camp! God was incredibly faithful and answered lots of prayers. We had a good number of kids at camp that hadn’t been connected to youth group in a while, and all of them have come to at least one of our weekly meetings since then. Hania, a sophomore, had disappeared from youth group a while back. She wanted to come back, but, she told us at camp, she was really worried about us rejecting her, since she had rejected us. She was shocked at how loved and accepted she felt at camp, had some significant conversations, and has been back with us regularly since. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | I had asked you to specifically pray for Piotr. I wish I could tell you he committed his life to Christ - he didn’t. Yet. But God did very obviously move in his heart. He talked late into the night with Kuba, a leader he’s been connected to for years. They moved from philosophy (where Piotr likes to live) to feelings, disappointments, and longings. Which, if you remember, is exactly what I asked you to pray for: “that he would be honest with his own emotions.” This is a big deal. Please keep praying for him, for a divine discontent. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | Joey, our Pastor from Faith Church in Indianapolis did all the teaching at camp, and preached at our church the Sunday after camp, which you can watch here! Jacob translated, so it’s also a fun opportunity to hear some Polish and understand what it means. Plus, its a great message! | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **CARMERS AND MARRIAGE CONFERENCE**  About every 3 years JV hosts a time for all the married couples to get away and focus on their marriage. My parents flew in to take care of Clara and give us some intentional time as a couple (Dan and Laura lead the conference, so they couldn’t take her). The 3 of them had a great time walking around the city, and Kent took literally 1300 pictures, so you know it was a good week! We loved having time to decompress together, and have focused time to talk. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **LOOKING AHEAD:** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **100°:** Our annual nation-wide youth leader training conference, called 100°, starts this Friday (the 8th)! The theme is “OBOK,” which means “next to;” we’ll be focusing on how relationships are the key context within which God helps teenagers (and everyone) with issues like depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, and loneliness. We’ll be teaching basic counseling skills, and we’re expecting about 130 young leaders to come! Jacob is in charge of the conference this year, which means there is a ton of last minute stuff to iron out. To help with that, my mom, Sarah, is staying with us till after the conference. (Her and Clara have been having a great time! They go walks everyday to look for pigeons and puppies!) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | We love you all and are always so thankful for your prayers, support, and willingness to step into this ministry with us!   Much love,  Becca, Jacob, and Clara | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR 100°:**   * For wisdom and sensitivity to the Spirit’s leading as Jacob leads the conference * That our Josiah Venture Poland team would rock being „next to” leaders, showing them love and understanding and support as they work through this topic. * For Becca, Clara, and Sarah, that they would be safe and have a great time while Jacob is away. * That for the attending youth leaders, this weekend would be a time of learning new skills and growth, but also an affirmation of their calling. * Pray specifically for our local youth leaders, who are also coming (Asia, Wojtek, Olga, Dominika, Kuba) - that this would be a unifying and vision-casting experience for them! | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | | |  | | --- | |  | | |
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