

josiahventure

A movement of God among the youth of Central and Eastern Europe that finds its home in the local church and transforms society



The Lillpop Family

Serving Internationally from Poland

Hello <<First Name>>,

As we've entered these first few months of 2026, we recognize that we have been in "Go-mode" for much of the last year. As the days of 2026 roll on, we are slowly but surely passing through "Go-mode" and settling into the new rhythms of live in Poland. Honestly, there are good days and hard days but we the Lord sustains us through them all. Thanks for praying and being a part of this ministry!

Here is a little update from our corner of the world.

4 Years of War In Ukraine





It has now been 4 years since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and 12 years since the war began. We want to encourage you to keep praying for the people of God in Ukraine as they follow Him in harsh conditions. We are seeing a great openness to the gospel which is amazing and many young people are turning to Jesus. Just today I heard that the youth conference the team is organizing will have 500 participants. Praise God!

Our team there is walking faithfully but it is not easy. Rolling power outages, missile warnings throughout the night, and constant loss. Several of our Ukrainian JV teammates have been mobilized into the military. Our teammate Andrii (Andrew) is serving in the military close to the front lines. He is a chaplain and a psychologist. Last week his apartment building and car were bombed (photos above). It's a miracle that he survived without a scratch. Click the links below to hear directly from our team in Ukraine about what life and ministry is like.

 [Read a blog post by the Ukrainian Team Leader, Sasha](#)

 [Listen to podcast episode with Hayley, Missionary in Ukraine](#)

Ministry



We recently had the opportunity to serve at the JV Winter Academy. This is an equipping event for our new staff. We had 52 participants this year from all 16 JV countries. I can't help but praise God for the collective impact of these folks in the years to come...Thank you for helping make this possible.

Topics covered at Winter Academy include: Disciplemaking strategies of Jesus, Ministry mapping, Coaching like Jesus, Healthy for the long haul, and others...





Personal Highlights

- Melody is still loving her pre-school experience. She is picking up more Polish every day and is growing a strong immune system while she's at it. :)
- We had a great visit from Kelly's parents in February. It was so great to have them in our home and do life together for a few weeks.
- We are still waiting to hear back about Melody's visa. We applied back in October and things are very backed up. Melody can't leave the country while it's in process so we are hoping we will hear something soon.





Financial Support Update

Our entire mission is fueled by financial support and a lot of prayer. We rely on the body of Christ to support our family as we follow his mission here in Poland.

Currently, we are receiving 97% of our monthly budget. Praise God! Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity towards our family and God's movement in Central & Eastern Europe.

You can give a one-time donation or in an ongoing way by clicking the button below.



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Upcoming Events

- [JV Women's Retreat](#) | **Mar 16-19**
- [New Staff Orientation \(USA\)](#) | **Apr 7-9**
- [Fusiondary](#) | **Apr 24-27**
- [JV Spring Conf](#) | **Apr 29 - May 3**
- [Amazing Race](#) | **May 28-29**
- [Intern Training](#) | **May 29 - June 3**

Please Pray

- For that we continue to turn to Jesus daily to meet our needs.
- For Chris as he leads the effort of implementing a new HR system for JV. Pray that the team would catch a vision for how this will make them more effective in their ministry.
- That Kelly would experience God and dynamic community with at the JV women's retreat March 16-19. For Chris at home with Melody during those days.
- That we'd receive a positive response regarding Melody's visa soon.

Thank You for Your Support



Thank you! Your support means so much to our family!

Blessings,

The Lillpop Family

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Join us in prayer for this movement of God in Central & Eastern Europe!

Our Prayer Room is a place to learn about the spiritual need in this region, where you can pray for our ministry and for the lost in a personal way.

[Our prayer room is now mobile!](#) You can now download the JV Prayer Room on the Apple App Store and sign up for 15 minutes, half an hour, one full hour in prayer, joining the watch as we pray for young people to hear the Gospel and for Jesus to be glorified!

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