

# MOVING ON (Project progress update)

June, 2011

*I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20)*

## FAITH MOVES THE MOUNTAINS

"How come you guys have so much faith?" this was the common response we got from people when they heard about our building project. Honestly we didn't, we stepped out of faith to make the decision with fear and trembling as well. From the very beginning we knew that this project was far beyond our ability. Our faith was so little that we had to ask our Lord to help us to overcome our unbelief and increase our faith. We need the faith like a mustard seed that could move the mountain. The kind of faith God wants us to have, which is sincere and wholehearted trusting Him, who can accomplish more than we could imagine.

## HURDLES AND PROGRESS

### Hurdle 1

The building project has become a bit complicated. At first we thought that it would be just a "BIG renovation" but then it turned out to be a "rebuilding" project. Since our church building is considered as a public building, we must comply with the European Union Building Regulations to update the building to meet the fire and building codes; access for people with disabilities, and minimum ceiling height etc...After examining the building in details and talking to some experts, we knew that we better do it then than regretting later.

### Hurdle 2

Even though we had a project plan and budget for the building in the beginning, our engineer had already warned us not to be over-optimistic as we would only know how much work needed to be done when we started working on the building. Alas, I have to admit that he was right and there was much more work than we first estimated. During the process of demolition, we discovered a hidden threat above the ceiling, the structure of the roof was so badly damaged as a result of lacking care, and it had to be replaced completely. Then we found out that some of the interior walls which we wanted to keep were very weak; and we had no choice but to demolish most of them and built

new ones instead. All these add some extra workload as well as cost to our initial budget.

### Hurdle 3

We are very thankful for those who have placed many hours into this project as well as those who have supported this project financially. All these have made it possible for us to work on the project. Many brothers from our church specially took time off from their work in order to help finishing all the demolition work. However they are running out of vacation and now we have only 1 or 2 people, who can continue to work there. We could do a lot of work by ourselves; however without the working force it may put the whole project on hold. On the other hand we could hire a building company instead but this will increase the cost a lot.



# METAMORPHOSIS

Despite of all the complications and some delay in our schedule, we are very thankful for the good progress of the project. After 3 months of demolition and clearing up work, construction has begun since April. An existing building turned into a pile of rubble and ruins; some people including myself thought what on earth we were doing. Then we saw the interior and external walls built up, floor was cleared up and ready for the flooring; and finally the beautiful roof trusses arrived and were put up. By the time I am writing this newsletter, we are delighted to announce that the roof construction is in its final stage of completion. Now the building looks quite different from the original one, taller, more spacious and functioning; nonetheless it is still far from finishing; the metamorphosis has just begun.



# WORSHIP IN THE RUIN

Praise God for the beautiful weather at Easter; above our heads was the open blue sky, which made it perfect to have our very first Sunday service in the church building site. It was a unique service; no one seemed to mind the dirt around us. There wasn't any flower or decoration; just a simple wooden cross, made out of the old wood from the building hanged on the ruined wall, to remind us the purpose of this building project. Our desire was to see this place to be transformed and became a place where people can find life in Jesus.



In the end of June we had our 2nd service in the unfinished building with our brothers and sisters from the United Brethren Church in the USA, who came to help us with the English camp. It was another beautiful day which we enjoyed having the roof above our heads protecting us from the strong sun.

We hope that we won't be worshipping in this building only every few months; we are praying that we could have our normal service in this building permanently very soon. We are aiming to get the worship hall ready by the end of this year; however that means we have

to finish all the basic construction and facilities like electricity, heating, bathroom etc first. We really need God to help us to accomplish the impossible.



## NEED AND PRAYER REQUEST

### 1. Wisdom to manage the project

Praise God for giving Arek a mentor who has a lot of building project experience. This friend has embraced this project as his own and provided us a lot of valuable advice and practical help. Please pray that God will continue granting him the wisdom he needs to manage this project.

### 2. Volunteers

We are very grateful for individual friends who came to help us; however most of the work needs to be done by 'team effort'. If we have only one or two people available in a time, we cannot make much progress. We would be very grateful if anyone of you or your church will like to lend us a helping hand.

### 3. Finance

Property: 430,000zt / Renovation: 400,000zt

**Grant total cost: 830,000zt**

Total amount given to the project: **298,100zt**

**Money we need to raise:- 531,900zt (~ 200,000USD)**

1. pay back the loans: **359,500zt**
2. the needed remain working capital: **172,400zt)**

The roof is the most expensive construction work of the whole project, we are thankful that even with the rising raw material prices, it is only slightly over budget. However we did have some extra expense on the walls and flooring. May God continue to meet our need.

### 4. Weather

Summer weather is very unstable in Poland; we have experienced thunder storm, heavy rain and boiling hot days all in one week. Thankfully, besides stopping us from work for some days and a mild flood in our basement, our building is still intact. Our next phase is doing the water proofing and insulation of the foundation and we can only do this when it is sunny and dry. Please pray with us for good weather.

His servants  
Arek & Donna

## Methods of giving:

1. Donation can be sent to the local OM office; please make checks payable to Operation Mobilisation and indicate it's for the church & community building project (OM Poland).

2. Donation can also be wired directly to our church bank account in Poland:

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