

**30 years
partnering
with EFCP
1988-2018****First team MCT sent January 1988**

Do you have willing hands?

MCT organizes teams to construct and repair facilities for evangelical ministries in the United States and around the world. We are comprised of willing hands both skilled and unskilled alike. We partner in construction with ministries that spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Through this ministry we have the opportunity to share the Gospel, build up the church with encouragement, and walk alongside the body of Christ both on the team and with those we work with.

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Piotrków Trybunalski, Poland Kościół Ewangelicznych Chrześcijan

On September 7 and 8 our team of six headed to Poland for three and a half weeks, to work with and encourage the Evangelical Christian Church in Piotrkow Trybunalski. The most urgent church facility need was to stop moisture seepage through a portion of the concrete foundation wall all the way to the sheetrock interior. This project involved removing the pavers from a large area, having a backhoe scoop out a 10 foot deep hole, sealing the foundation with several layers of moisture barrier, filling the hole back in with suitable soil, and skillfully replacing the pavers. The guys worked steadily, and even with a fair amount of rainy days hampering the progress, were able to complete the project by the third week.



The two of us gals filled in as a support: grocery shopping, cooking meals, doing laundry, cleaning, and helping wherever needed. We discovered that a mundane chore, such as weeding, became enjoyable, as we smiled and greeted those walking by (from nearby bus stop and a high school). Not being able to understand Polish limited our interactions, but we befriended a couple of elderly ladies that lived nearby and who stopped by several times while we were weeding. After several conversations (or attempted ones) –

they, speaking Polish and we, English – we freely exchanged handshakes and hugs.

By helping with the needs of the physical church, it was humbling to see how we could encourage the small, grateful spiritual Church. The Polish believers blessed us many times over! To say that they were warm-hearted and loving is an understatement. At every church gathering all the believers blessed each of us with heartfelt handshakes and hugs! No matter that it was the first time that many of them met us, we were all brothers and sisters in Christ!

We enjoyed worshipping with the church family through singing worship songs in Polish (or attempting to, anyway) and being taught the Word by Pastor Daniel, translated into English. But the fellowship didn't stop there. Several days a week we were invited into their homes for a meal, and treated to amazing hospitality and fantastic food, of which they would always urge us to eat more!

We gals also experienced a bit of Polish life outside of the church body by visiting a couple of senior citizens, and the local orphanage. Back at the church (where we were staying) it was a privilege to help pack Christmas shoeboxes - 99 of them - to be distributed in December to the orphanage children by the church's ongoing orphanage ministry. Having already visited with these kids, we could vividly picture their smiling faces and boundless energy, as well as their need for Christ's love, as we prayed over each packed box.

This mission experience has opened my eyes to see that the Christian church is so much more than the small "bubble" of my daily life. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are all over the world, bonded together by our need for a Savior, mutual encouragement in the faith, and a shared love for the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ, Margie Jacobs





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..stir up one another to love and good works, Heb 10:24 (ESV)

Camp Bato Cebu Island, Philippines 30th anniversary trip

MCT is sending a team to the Philippines February 9 to March 2, 2018. (Our first very overseas team built a church in the Philippines in January 1988). We plan to replace the last two wooden cabins - of the seven total - with ones made of concrete and steel. Our partnership agreement with the EFC Philippines (EFCP) has been that they supply both volunteer and paid labor, and we raise the funds to pay for the materials. The total material cost to replace the last two cabins will be about \$12,000 USD.



The latest cabins finished

We are recruiting a team of no more than ten. At this writing we have a team of seven with tickets: Jonathan Lundberg, Lianne Adams, Bruce Crawford, Lloyd Jones, Tina Norsby, Todd Jacobs, and Nathan Jacobs.

The folks in the Philippines have demolished the two cabins to be replaced, and have built the foundations for the new cabins. The Evangelical Free Church Philippines (EFCP) owns the camp and has just started the large project of replacing the two story cafeteria and chapel also. It has been good to see that the church has a vision to upgrade the camp and that it

be used as a tool to shine the light of Christ.

The break-down of the materials cost per cabin is materials: \$3,150.00, welder rental: \$100.00, fuel for mixer: \$60.00, transport of materials: \$100.00, eight bunk beds: \$870.00, comfort room \$2000, total cost per cabin: \$6,280.00. These prices are exchange rate dependent. We are raising a total of \$12,000 for the two



The start of replacing the last

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A cabin with the new bunkbeds

cabins. Thank you very much to those that have given \$4700 to date. We need help raise the remaining \$7300. If you wish to give to this project, please write your tax deductible checks to MCT Missionary Construction Teams with Camp Bato in the memo line.



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Looking forward, with MCT. Come join us on a project.
> **February 9 to March 2, 2018; Camp Bato Pilippines:** Build last two cabins and comfort rooms. We have 7 with tickets and room for 3 more. We need to raise \$7300 more to finish replacing the last two cabins.
> **Spring, 2018 ?; Hurricane relief:** We are watching the relief efforts for where we can best serve.
> **Summer, 2018 ?; Portland Avenue, Tacoma, WA:** New roof on sanctuary. Will include tear-off, and sheathing repair.
> **Summer, 2018 ?; Storehouse, Covington, WA:** New roof on food bank warehouse. Will include architectural comp. and torch down.

Prayer Corner

Pray for the teams to be an encouragement to the Church and for team safety as they travel and work.
Pray for wisdom on projects to tackle.
Pray for MCT's Board of Directors: Pray for us as we forge partnerships. The board members are: Bill Straw, President; Ron Sauke, Vice President; Rusty Gigstead, Secretary; Chris Brunner, Treasurer; Jeff Shivel; Al Washabaugh; Linda Sauke; Nathan Jacobs, Executive Director.
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