



## Part Time ... LOL

Officially, we are part-time lead pastors of City Church International (CCI), an English-language community of faith that is part of the City Church family of congregations in the Bratislava, Slovakia, area. But as anyone who pastors knows, many days there is little that is “part time” about the job. In fact some days and weeks, the work (and its associated thoughts and emotions), can be all-consuming. So the part time label can often illicit a laugh out loud (LOL) response. For us, therefore, part-time becomes part of a month, or part of a season. We don't keep score, but rather we do our best to keep healthy boundaries with each ministry hat that we are wearing.

And though consuming at times, family life at CCI is beautiful. Lately we celebrated our largest single Sunday attendance ever with 42 adults and 8 kids. A packed house that seems to have ushered in a season of new spiritual energy and hunger. And we somehow keep getting younger with more 20 somethings than ever making CCI their home. The CCI Men's and Women's Life Groups are also growing with more spiritual energy, hunger, and curiosity, and our new prayer and worship nights are seeding our spirits with fresh faith, hope and strength! We recently baptized a dear CCI family member from Zimbabwe who would testify that all his previous attempts to be baptized were somehow thwarted. Not this time! And many of the CCI family were there to celebrate!

We are on the cusp of, after years of praying, starting the first-ever CCI Children's Ministry – CCI Kids! We are doing it with 12 people who have said “yes” to helping start and build the ministry. Also with the assistance of a lead pastor (who is a former, but forever children's pastor) in the United States who God has called to lend his passion and wisdom to global workers in Europe seeking to build ministry to kids. Please continue praying for wisdom as we follow Jesus' example and leading. Please also continue praying that we would soon find a space to meet our growing congregation and ministry needs. God is faithful in all things, and ... He is never part-time!

## Packing in Poland



Our dear friends and fellow global workers Travis and Alexis Mielonen and their kids are spending a needed season of rest (sabbatical) in the United States. The timing was such that Travis ended up doing, by himself, much of the work of preparing their home to be sublet during their time in the United States. As another expression of global worker care, Gary traveled to Krakow and spent three days as extra hands and feet with sorting, cleaning, packing .... and of course encouraging Travis in this transition to a new (and needed) season of focusing on their own family. Thank you for your faithful investment in the ministry to global workers. It is critical and needed.

And thank you for continuing to pray for the global workers the Lord has entrusted to us!

*Joy*  
*Gary*

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