

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Psalm 78,3-8:

*which we have heard and known,  
and our fathers have told us  
we will not hide them from their children  
telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord  
and His strength and His wonderful works, that He has done.  
For He established a testimony in Jacob,  
and appointed a law in Israel.  
which He commanded our fathers,  
that they should make them known to their children  
that the generation to come might know them,  
the children who would be born  
that may arise and declare them to their children.  
that they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God,  
but keep His commandments,  
and may be not like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation,  
and whose spirit was not faithful to God.*

Every time I become tired of teaching or discouraged, this part of the Scripture inspires me again. It is clear to me – teaching kids God's Word is His will. Kids can put their hope in God, remember the work of God, and keep His commandments. And their lives may be different than the generations whose spirit is not faithful to God. The older I am and the longer I teach, the more I see how important this fight is. Today's children are bombarded with many kinds of anti-Christian ideas for their lives. When compared to the internet, TV, friends, and even home values, the Gospel doesn't look attractive at all. It is so hard to influence children from non-Christian homes, where parents follow worldly values and raise their children according to current cultural climate.

More than half of the children in our school comes from such homes. I hear them sometimes say "my parents don't believe in God, and neither do I."

Many students, especially in grades 7 and 8, have many questions during my Bible lessons. I am glad they ask them, but I need God's wisdom to answer. I am glad that every

success, every good moment (and there are many such moments) is "not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that [their] faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power" (1 Cor.2,4-5). This is why I need your constant prayers and I know I can count on them.

There have been many changes this year in our school. In March our Principal, and my dear friend Anna, died from cancer. It is again a big loss in my life. I knew her since youth and she was a great example of a humble, faithful, and hardworking believer. I have received so much support in my ministry from her. I will miss her a lot. But the Lord is good and He gave me some good, faithful friends, who are other teachers at the school. We meet on Wednesdays during prayer and devotional time, which I lead.

I also thank you for your support, prayers, and encouragement through letters, and even visits. I appreciate them all.

After the summer our school will move into a larger building. This means that we will be able to enroll more kids and teach Bible lessons to more kids weekly.

Now I am preparing my Bible lessons and other activities for a summer camp in July. In August I would like to visit my son in California.

I am thankful for my kids. They all walk with the Lord, have joined churches, and have good Christian friends. Natalia and her husband Michał live in Warsaw, but they visit me often. I am blessed with a good son in law, who is always ready to help with chores around my house. Philip is doing well in Santa Cruz in California, growing in his faith and knowledge. I am thankful also for my physical health. I had a medical checkup and everything is ok. Sometimes I struggle with loneliness missing my dear Doug, learning to deal with life without him. It is still such a big change for me that even now, after 4 years, I cannot get used to it.

My prayer requests remain the same:

- for God's guidance as I teach Bible lessons for each class in school every week
- for wisdom and patience with undisciplined kids, so that I speak "truth in love"
- for being a good testimony during my interactions with parents and other teachers
- for God's blessings during summer camp
- for emotional and physical strength.

With warm regards and blessings,

Lila

The youngest, preschoolers...

