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*Serving and Empowering National Christians*



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Sometime during the seventh century B.C., the Lord called Jonah to go on a short-term missions trip to Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian Empire. Though the Ninevites were known for their wickedness and cruelty, God cared enough about them to send Jonah to warn them to repent. Jonah didn't want the Ninevites to repent and avoid God's wrath, nor did he want to be the one to anger them by delivering the bad news of their impending doom. He hid from the Lord, which landed him in the belly of a whale for three days. I imagine Jonah thought he had hit rock bottom as God dealt with his disobedience during those murky three days churning inside the whale, but God still had to deal with Jonah's skewed Jewish national prejudice, when to Jonah's chagrin, the Ninevites actually listened to him and repented! Jonah illustrates that no matter who you are or what challenges you face, God cares enough about the lost nations to use you on the mission field. He accomplished His plan, communicated His message, and created His desired results, despite Jonah's sin, baggage, weakness and best efforts to get in the way.

## Short-term, Long Impact



Ten years ago, Ron and Jane Dissly obediently followed the Lord as he led them to missions in Poland. Ron and Jane took a leap of faith to live in a foreign country and culture for a year while planting a church...something they had little to no experience with. But, as we've seen Him do

## *Inspiration from the field*

### "Culture Shock"

A devotional by  
Shyanne (Anne) Mbugua

before, the Lord chooses the most unlikely servants to ensure the glory goes to Himself. This dedicated couple's obedience yielded ...[read more](#).



### Catching Kairos

"Kairos" is Greek for "opportunity", "chance" or "season." Lysippos portrayed it best in his sculpture of the mythical character. Kairos had winged feet, and stood on tiptoe, to symbolize that he was ever-running like the wind. Because of his speed, the only way he could be caught was from the front, and this was done by grabbing the ponytail emerging from the front of his head. Once he had passed by, he could not be caught because his head was bald in the back - you could not catch him, no matter how badly you wanted to. In Colossians 4:5-6, Paul invokes the image of this fleeting impersonation of opportunity, warning us to make the most of every opportunity we are given to interact with outsiders. Gniezno, Poland, the area of service of ITMI missionary Magda Dymel, is a place where Kairos passes by daily, and the exhortation from Colossians receives special gravity in the face of ...[read more](#).



### Inside Missions: Nungessers on Short-term Missions

Richard and Brooke Nungesser are ITMI resident missionaries in Poland, whose ability to accomplish things for the kingdom of God is simply remarkable. In just over five years, God has used them to found and grow [Bread of Life](#), a ministry that allows Polish nationals to share the gospel with the homeless in their communities. Bread of Life has expanded to three cities and several multi-faceted projects, including the New Life Center, a transition home for homeless men. The Nungessers have overseen this process, all in while ministering as pastor and pastor's wife to the [Poznan International Church](#). The Nungessers have a special gift for enabling others to serve the Lord, and have been able to offer many service opportunities for Short-term missionaries and teams. Perhaps this is in part due to their own extensive experience with short-term missions prior to being called to Poland, or perhaps it is just their natural gregarious love for Jesus and His family that allows them to be such quality enablers of others. Either way, its only natural that when we want the inside scoop on Short-term missions, we turn to them. ...[read more](#).

Poznan, Poland



Culture Shock is a word often used to describe an "off balance" feeling, when one comes into contact with people of different customs, greetings and language; even though one may be warmly welcomed, one never feels fully integrated. If any of you have traveled before to lands that are unfamiliar to what you have known, you can relate.

Having been in Poland for almost 5 months now the "culture shock" sets in. Funny enough, having traveled elsewhere has not produced the same effects. I cannot pin point for the *life of me* what it could be. There are days I'm well adjusted and others that seem to have those awkward moments all over again.

My thoughts are directed toward the truth that as Christians we are strangers in this world, only sojourners, the world is not our home, yet we live and interact with it. As a new creature in Christ we are different we are of a different culture if I may say so we ought to "culture shock" others. Our thoughts and attitudes are heavenly and not earthly, these are two different kingdoms, that are at odds. I wonder then: If we are a "new creation" people-citizens of heaven whose patterns of thought and behavior are distinctly different, why then do we feel so at home with the values and lifestyles of the fallen systems of this world? Why does self-centeredness instead of servanthood still have its grip on our attitudes? Why does pride easily set up residence in our hearts, while Christ's humility seems so awkward and foreign? Why do we fit in so well, when, as Paul says, our real citizenship is in heaven?

## What can I do?

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### For Prayer and Praise

- That the Lord will provide funding for Magda's kids' club.
- That believers everywhere will seize *Kairos* by honoring Jesus at every opportunity.
- For the Nungessers as they minister to Poland's homeless and internationals.
- For the ministry of short-term missionaries in the field aiding ITMI nationals.
- Great advances made for the kingdom by Short-term missionaries working with ITMI partners.

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***"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that you can test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing, and perfect will."***  
**Romans 12:2**

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## ITMI Calendar

### August 17-October 1

John Jere of Samaritan Children's Home is available for sharing God's miracles in Zambia.

### August-September

Andrew Gorski of Gospel Joy is available for highlighting how Jesus is reaching Poles through music.

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