

Jacob, Becca, Clara, & Nora Hash

Life in Poland.

HIGHLIGHTS: 7 Years & Looking Ahead!

LOOKING BACK:

Last week, September 4th, marked 7 years since we landed in Poland! Wow. A lot has happened in these years! They have been marked by deep grief. The loss of 4 grandparents, as well as aunts, a cousin, and friends. Miscarriage. Burnout. Discouragement and feeling of fruitlessness. And ALSO. These years have been marked by joy and blessings beyond what we could hope for. Clara and Nora. Community and rich friendships. Seeing glimpses of the fruit of ministry. Sharing the Gospel. Discipling young people. Discipling young leaders. Teaching. Learning. Growing!





L: 2018- Outside our first apartment! We loved that space and it was perfect for hosting countless small groups, dinners, game nights, and more!
R: 2019- Our 2nd annual "Elf Party" for the JV Kid girls in Poland!

SUMMER LIFE:

In August we all went to the Akedemia Rośniemy, or “Growth Academy." Which was a week-long training for young, student-leaders who are taking their first steps in ministry. Jacob taught sessions on “doing what Jesus did,” and he did the whole thing based on different times Jesus talks about bread. His sessions were incredibly practical and from what we heard, really encouraging and challenging for these kids! After that week we did a quick turnaround and went back down south to spend a week with Jacob's parents! It was a great week of rest in the mountains, even if it did include an ER visit for Nora 😬 We were very thankful Jacob's parents were with us and could take care of Clara while we were out with Nora! And she's back to her normal, happy self!





L: 2020- Butternut. May she always live in our hearts! And maybe the obstacle- course we made for her during lock down will resurface someday! R: 2021- Our youth group team during camp!! It was such a joy to serve alongside this group for almost five years!

LOOKING AHEAD:

NEW ROLE: Again?! Yep!! 😅 Over the past year our Josiah Venture Poland team has been working on restructuring how we operate and even what all we do. We're going from 8 project teams to 3 Training Teams: **Leadership**, **Discipleship**, and **Evangelism**. As a result of this, Jacob was asked to lead the Leadership Training Team as well as join our executive-team!

His old team members and some responsibilities will carry over and there will also be more of both. For example, his team will still be responsible for Sto Stopni, our leadership training conference, but Plan A, our discipleship program, will be passed off to the Discipleship Training Team. All the specifics are still being ironed out, and things are definitely a bit chaotic right now, but he's really excited to step into this role and provide his unique voice into what this new version of JV Poland looks like! It's a lot more managing and responsibility than before, but it's an honor to have been invited in and we're both excited to see what will come of this significant shift!

Join us in praying this benediction over our next season of life and ministry:

Love through us, O Lord.
Labor through us, O God.
Move through us, O Spirit.
We are your people.
We are your body and your bride, O Christ.
We owe all to you.
All we have is yours.

Now take, and bless, and break, and multiply
these many sundry gifts you have given us,
then send us out to do your works
for the love of our neighbors,
for the good of your people,
and for the increase of your glory.
Make our lives ever more fruitful
for your kingdom.



top: 2022- Clara!
bottom: 2023- Clara's frist trip to Indy! And CO, and MA, and CT, and NY, and AR! :)



SCHOOL: You might remember that Jacob is also starting a Master's in Global Leadership program through Wheaton this Fall! In some ways it feels like we're insane for doing this, and also, we both clearly see God's hand in the timing of this program. And what better way to learn than pairing course work about leadership with a new leadership role?!?

AND ALSO Clara's first day of pre-school was Sept 1st! After her first day she told us, "Clara just lay on carpet and cry," and when we asked what she was excited to do the next day she said, "Clara lay on carpet." As sad (and adorable) as that sounds, she's actually made huge, courageous steps, and by the end of her first week she went in with no tears! She has one teacher who can understand her English, which is a huge answer to prayer! We're way more focused on her having a positive experience than learning Polish, language can come later! It's been a big adjustment for all of us, but we're really excited for her as she gets to play with other kids, learn more and more, and eat soup Every. Single. Day. 🤣



We would like to interrupt our trip down memory lane, for Clara's "First Day of Polish Preschool" picture!!





L: 2024- Nora! R: 2025- The girls cruising though all our travel this year! Even if they REFUSE to sleep anyplace but home...🤣

MONTHLY SUPPORT: We're sooooo close! After lots of budget changes this year, we only need $23 a month to be back at 100%!

Thank you all so much for your generosity and trust. Each gift is huge vote of confidence in what God is doing here in Poland! We are so thankful you are standing with us and have been for the past 7 years!!

Thank you all for your prayers and encouragement in this season, especially with all the changes and new rhythms on the horizon!!

Much love,
Becca, Jacob, Clara, & Nora

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Our family: As we all adapt and learn new school/life/ministry rhythms
- Clara: That she would connect with teachers and classmates well
- Jacob: For wisdom and grace as he leads this new Leadership Team and serves on our Executive-Team
- A Home?? For the first time in 7 years we have started seriously discussing if this next season is when we start looking at buying an apartment or house in Poland. This is a HUGE deal and pretty scary, but we're trusting God and praying that if this the right thing for us to pursue, the perfect place would show up and that we'd have the clarity and support to logistically and financially purchase something!

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