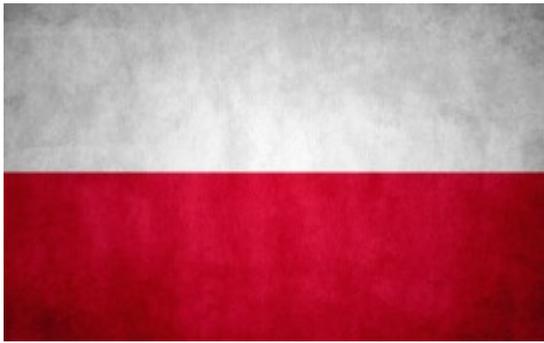

Poland

**Total area:**

312,679 km²

Population:

38,634,007 (2017)

Literacy:

99%

Official languages:

Polish

GDP (PPP) per capita:

\$29,349 (2017 est.)

Life expectancy:

77 years

Religions:

90% Catholic, 8% Atheist or Agnostic, 1% Polish Orthodox,
1% other religions

Prayer points

Can God Help Me?

"Can God help me? I really don't know if I can make it any longer. I was thinking about suicide few times but I haven't tried it. I have family. I don't want to leave them but it's hard for me. I'm not a good wife and finally I see that. I don't know what to do. I haven't spoken to anybody about it." This woman, aged 22, was responding to a radio programme on Radio CCM in Poland. CCM is a network of Christian stations covering Poland with an upbeat, entertaining sound and a clear gospel message. Pray for the many listeners who respond by phone and on the website, for lives to be helped and transformed. (Reach Beyond) (Reach Beyond - January 2017)

Gospel brings hope for Poles

Poland is changing rapidly. Joining the EU in 2004 hasn't brought the economic benefits that the Polish people expected. The unemployment rate is high, so a lot of Poles try to find prosperity in other countries. ECM notices in these turbulent times a renewed interest in the gospel. Through church planting and the project 'Permanent Hope' ECM wants to use this opportunity to draw attention to the gospel in new and refreshing ways. (European Christian Mission - November 2014)

A decade of changes

A survey in the early 1990s found that Poland was one of the world's most religious countries. Roman Catholicism is very strong and very conservative, and while all religions have equal rights in Poland, the Catholic Church has been aggressive since 1989 in trying to shape the society on Catholic principles. The small number of Protestants and even smaller number of evangelicals tend to be viewed as sects. However, the last decade has seen several massive changes such as the death of

Pope John Paul II, the entry of Poland into the European Union, the huge amount of money that is being pumped into the Polish economy and social upheaval and widespread disillusionment with the current religious panorama. There is now a universal sense among church leaders that “something is going to happen for Poland” - God is at work! (European Christian Mission - March 2010)

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