

NMI Care and Connection

The Johnson Family

Kurt, Holly, Kirby, and Shiloh
Missionaries in Poznan Poland

Special Dates:

Kurt and Holly Anniversary: August 8th 2003

Kurt Birthday: February 21
Holly Birthday: January 29

Kirby Birthday: October 21, 2015
Shiloh Birthday: January 22, 2012

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Kurt and Holly Johnson

Kurt and Holly Johnson are missionaries with the Church of the Nazarene in Poznan, Poland. They serve at a coffee house ministry – Sweet Surrender Kawiarnia, which aims to create a space for individuals to meet new people and establish a sense of community. What makes the coffee house ministry in Europe so unique is the outreach to those who would not step foot into a church building.

Kurt has worked in public education and with special needs students. Holly has worked in coffee-related ministries in the past. They have served as missionaries through the COTN in the Central Europe field previously. Both felt called to missions at a young age and both are passionate about sharing the Good News and helping new believers grow in their faith.

The Johnsons have four children, two grown, one grandbaby, and two young boys still living at home. Holly, Kurt, and the boys are enrolled in Polish language classes since Polish is one of the hardest languages to learn. They are adapting to the Polish life and are enjoying all of the new foods and learning the different road signs especially how to correctly park on the sidewalks!

“Just four months ago, we moved to Poland to be a part of a coffee shop ministry. It was difficult leaving behind family and friends for an unknown land filled with new faces and opportunities. With our two school-aged boys in tow, we set to bring hope and love through the name of Jesus. And to our delight, the response has been overwhelming!

As the days grow longer and the chill of winter fades, we find ourselves filled with excitement for the season ahead. Spring is a time of new beginnings, a time when dormant seeds awaken to new life. And for us, it's a season with hope and possibilities. In the pages of the Bible, we find a powerful illustration of hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Just as spring brings forth new life, Christ's resurrection brings hope. This season serves as a reminder that even in our darkest moments, there is always the promise of hope and new life through Christ.

Meanwhile, exciting developments are happening across Poland with the Church of the Nazarene. In Warsaw, new refugee ministries are springing up, providing much-needed support and assistance to those seeking asylum in Poland. And in Krakow, the coffee shop ministry will be undergoing a revamp this spring, with fresh ideas and renewed energy to better serve the community and spread the hope of Christ. Additionally, we're eagerly anticipating our involvement in a summer camp for non-native English speakers, where we'll have the chance to share our faith and connect with the community in Poznan on a deeper level.

As we continue God's work in Poland, we ask for your prayers. Please pray for our family, the ministry in Poznan, and for the work that is happening through the church in Warsaw and Krakow.



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