

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

POLAND

General Information

- Population: 38 million
- President: Bronisław Komorowski
- Largest city: Bucharest – population 2 million
- Poland's first historically documented ruler, Mieszko I, accepted baptism in 966 and adopted Catholicism as the new official religion of his subjects. The bulk of the population converted in the course of the next few centuries.
- The country had a particularly large Jewish population prior to World War II, when the Nazi Germany's regime led to The Holocaust. It caused Poland's Jewish population, estimated at 3 million before the war, to drop to just 300,000.

Challenges

- Protestants comprise just 0.03% of professing believers.
- Poland has become overwhelmingly Roman Catholic. In 2007, 88.4% of the population belonged to the Catholic Church. Though rates of religious observance are lower, at 52% or 51% of the Polish Catholics, Poland remains one of the most devoutly religious countries in Europe.
- However, according to Poland Evangelical Mission less than 1% of Poland's population knows that they can stand blameless before God through faith in Jesus Christ alone. There is a religion based on works.

Pray for

- Poland Evangelical Mission uses theatrics and shows to gather crowds in cities to communicate the gospel.
- The people who have been raised with a strong legalistic background to come to a realization of grace through faith in the completed works of Jesus Christ. That salvation is not based on works.

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