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Leveraging the Power of Technology to
Reach Eastern Europe, Russia, and the World for Christ



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Dear Friends,

In 1984 Larry Thompson was an American Campus Crusade staff member in Poland that had to work very carefully. Ministry behind the Iron Curtain could be dangerous.

A young man who had just come to Christ after joining a Bible study in his dorm, Marek Wyrzykowski, was not aware of this secret organization at work on his campus. In fact he was quite annoyed when his attempts at getting to know a young woman named Ala were thwarted by the interference of this American, Larry Thompson. **Marek, proactive and direct, confronted Larry and told him, "You need to keep your nose out of other people's business!"**



Larry (left) happily turned leadership over to Marek. (right)

Larry decided it was time to let Marek know that Ala was secretly working for CCCI and that he was the national

director for the ministry. This piece of information gave Marek an entirely new perspective on the matter. He too was soon engaged in ministry in his dorm. Marek didn't need cross cultural or language training to reach the people

around him. They were the people of his own languages (Marek speaks Polish, Russian and English) and the people of his own culture.



Marek and Ala (couple on right) walk a Polish street with Steve and Judy Douglas.

Eventually Larry Thompson became the leader for the entire Eastern Europe and Russia area. In 2009 God moved the ministry to a new level in Eastern Europe when Marek stepped up to take Larry's place as the area team leader.

It's a great honor to us, that we get to serve along side and under leaders like Marek with the goal of continuing to help reach people for Christ and make disciples in Eastern Europe, Russia and Israel. We are now 93.5% funded to go and work with people like Marek! Thanks to all of you who keep us going!

In Him,

JR and Ingrid

You can read more about the importance of nationals taking leadership roles at our blog.

There is also a rather humorous video showing Marek's ability to poke fun at himself.

You can also find a link there that will take you to a much fuller telling of the story of Marek and his transition from student to leader. It also offers some interesting glimpses into what ministry was like under the Iron Curtain.

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