Missional partners: Count Richard Dietrich
Richard, formally a youth pastor from Arizona, traveled on a trip to Poland where it was discovered that his wife is a direct descendant of the royal von Promnitz family who were believed to be no longer in existence after years and years of absence. With this finding, the Polish government was happy to welcome the royal family back, and Richard and his wife became the Count and Countess of Poland. Instead of claiming the family riches and properties for personal gain, Richard and his wife believe that they have been put in such a prominent position to win this nation for Jesus. With such great favor with the local government, doors have been opened to build relationships and share the love of Christ. One such place that doors have been opened is into public schools. Schools are looking for opportunities for their students to learn English, so Richard has offered for American students to join alongside their Polish students to engage in conversation and activities.

The country:
Poland is located in the very center of Europe, and it the seventh biggest country on the continent. Polish population is over 38.5 million people. A nation with a proud cultural heritage, Poland can trace its roots back over 1,000 years. Positioned at the center of Europe, it has known unstable and violent times. There have been periods of independence as well as periods of domination by other countries. Several million people, half of them Jews, died in World War II. In 2004, (fifteen years after the end of communist rule) Poland became a member of the EU and began a new era for the country.

Passport & Visa information:
Each person needs a US passport, and it must be valid at least SIX MONTHS beyond stay in Poland.

Immunizations:
Make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines (MMR, Tetanus, etc).

Weather:
In Poland, the summer months mean warmer days and longer amounts of sunshine. The average high during this time jumps up to around 72°F. It’s not hot like other parts of the world see during the summer, but very pleasant. The lows in the evenings could drop into the 50s, so it’s a good idea to pack clothes that layer well. With the warmer temperatures also comes more rainfall. Bring a good rain jacket!

Accommodations:
While in Poland the team will stay with host families set up through Richard and the local city government. There may also be a night or two where the team will stay at a hotel. Bedding will be provided by the host families.
**Ground Transportation:**
The group will fly into Krakow, Poland, which is about an hour and a half drive from Pszczyna. A rented bus will be used for travel around the city throughout the trip.

**Medical attention:**
In the event of a serious illness or medical emergency, there are medical clinics and hospitals nearby. Included in your trip cost is travel medical insurance that will cover expenses if medical attention is needed.

**Communication:**
Family members and friends may track the journey through the Engage website.

**Itinerary:**
During the trip, you will spend a majority of the time with Polish high school students and actively share Christ's love through relational evangelism in a variety of ways – teaching/helping students learn English, visiting historical and cultural sites, service projects, and perhaps even attending a royal ball. The time is ripe to learn what Kingdom work can look like in Poland and how it can transfer to being a Kingdom worker wherever God places you.