

## Evangelical School of Theology

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Greetings from Wrocław,



*(Photo: Students, faculty and staff – May 2013)*

The 23<sup>rd</sup> academic year has been a time of expansion, development, changes and encouragement as the EST Educational Center continues to flourish and grow. As we come to the end of the second semester of classes at EST, please pray for students, faculty and administrative staff over the summer months as we seek to minister, rest and recruit students for the 2013-2014 academic year. Also, pray for faculty and staff as they continue to preach, visit churches, Christian organizations and others about the opportunities offered by EST.

### Why study at Evangelical School of Theology in the B.A. program? 10 reasons.

- 1. We are accredited by the Polish government.** Our B.A. degree is honored by other colleges and universities and enables our graduates to enter various post-graduate programs.
- 2. Our students have full student rights.** Student identification card issued by EST opens many doors and offers multiple student privileges, i.e. student discounts on city transportation and other businesses.
- 3. Very good location.** EST is located in the center of Wrocław, near the University of Wrocław, close to the main Market Square and convenient by bus, tram or car from anywhere in Wrocław.
- 4. The faculty.** Our faculty is made up of highly qualified international lecturers representing various interdenominational backgrounds. They also serve as pastors, leaders and missionaries.
- 5. Interdenominational nature.** The faculty, staff and students represent various churches and denominations. Spending time together and studying the Bible and theology offers opportunities to understand each other better and to learn from each other.
- 6. Practical skills.** EST emphasizes the practical aspect of learning by preparing the students for the real challenges that they are facing or will face in ministry.
- 7. Well-developed scholarship program.** If needed, students can apply for scholarship funds to cover some of the costs: tuition, fees, books, housing, etc.
- 8. Students can continue with their usual responsibilities while studying at EST.** The EST program is designed to allow students an opportunity to continue with their normal life as they come to EST for one weekend a month. Also, some courses are offered via e-learning.
- 9. The library.** The EST library is a special place where students can find the necessary books as well as receive assistance in the selection of materials needed for papers or their thesis. There is also a special section of the library where EST students relax and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.
- 10. Unique atmosphere.** Friendly relationships of the faculty and staff with the students include communal prayer, meetings over a meal, and individual contact with each student. This creates a unique and warm student-friendly atmosphere that is conducive to learning, making new friends and building true Christian fellowship.

## Students and Why They Study at EST.



**Karol (Charles) – 3<sup>rd</sup> year.** I work for the Fire Department. I am a member of the Council of Elders in a church in western Poland. I chose to study at EST for a number of reasons. The most important one is the interdenominational nature of the school and quality of teaching, which makes studying here an intellectual adventure. I like the good atmosphere that is created by the faculty and which is quickly detected and enjoyed by the students. What is also important is that EST offers assistance: financial through various scholarship programs and pastoral care. This is the first time in my life that I will be sorry to graduate from a school.



**Cezary (Caesar) – 2<sup>nd</sup> year.** In 1992, I was ordained to be deacon and evangelist and my wife and I were called to minister with an international evangelistic organization in Poland and several European countries. For the last three years I have been a pastor of a church in southern Poland. After two years of serving as a pastor I came to realize that my years of experience in ministry needed to be supplemented by theological knowledge and I chose to study at EST. I am able to continue with my ministry and also study at EST for a number of reasons: evangelical nature of the school, high academic level, and financial support offered to students, incredibly friendly faculty and staff, etc. In my humble opinion, studying theology at such a modern and student friendly school like EST is a pure pleasure!



**Katarzyna (Katherine) – 1<sup>st</sup> year.** – Currently, I am the president of a foundation that focuses on Christian counseling as well as offering assistance through crisis intervention for women. At the moment we are preparing to open a home for women who are victims of domestic violence or find themselves in need. We want to take care of them on three levels: spirit, soul, body. I very much enjoy the fact that EST students come from various denominations and represent diverse views. I appreciate the friendly and easy relationships with the faculty. What is more, the school offers a good scholarship program. Having a scholarship enabled my husband (Ryszard) and me to study at EST at the same time. The systematic biblical knowledge that I obtain here will help me in my teaching ministry.



**Ryszard (Richard) – 1<sup>st</sup> year.** My wife and I have two children. I am in full-time ministry and the pastor of a church in northern Poland. EST, due to its interdenominational nature, offers opportunities to meet people from various denominations. What matters is learning. I need to widen my horizons, gain a new broader perspective of looking at life – all possible because I study at EST. What I like at EST are good relationships, friendly atmosphere and professional faculty. An important asset of EST is the attention students can enjoy and assistance offered. I believe that my ministry will last as long as I live and so in order to do it well I need knowledge, both general and particular.



**Marek – 2<sup>nd</sup> year.** I am hopelessly passionate about a number of things and in God I realize my many passions. Professionally, I am a clinical optometrist and I use my professional skills and knowledge in a medical mission ministry. I have been dreaming of studying theology for a long time and now realizing my dreams together with my wife. Studying here not only means enjoying interesting classes that offer valuable and practical knowledge but also enjoying an incredible atmosphere created by good relationships among people. Because I'm involved in missions I am certain that the knowledge and experience obtained at EST will help me as I meet the many challenges connected with my ministry.



**Adam – 2<sup>nd</sup> year.** I am a policeman. I chose to study at EST because of its high academic standards. What I appreciate the most is that the classes are taught in a very interesting and student-friendly way. Another advantage of the school is the frequency of weekends when we come to classes. It allows us to continue with our full time jobs and study at the same time. I'm doing a practicum in the church where I am also a member and involved in preaching during Sunday services, organizing and leading youth meetings, and giving talks on the first Wednesday of the month.



**Ewa – 3<sup>rd</sup> year.** Studying at EST expands my horizons and allows me to confront my convictions with what you learn. As a result, the knowledge I obtain during the course of the program is not strictly theoretical but takes on practical and personal meanings. Also, studying at EST is about relationships. Because of them the learning process not only takes place in the classroom but continues beyond. I'm currently involved in a youth ministry in Wroclaw, and also in a technical support ministry in the church.

We are very thankful to individuals, churches and organizations who are praying for and giving funds so that men and women can study at EST and become better prepared for ministry in Poland. Please visit the EST English website for more information about Evangelical School of Theology, the Educational Center, programs, faculty, students, administrative staff, board, etc. [www.ewst.pl/en/](http://www.ewst.pl/en/)

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