

The Lord's Work in the Czech Republic

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Dear Brethren,

We hope that this finds you doing well, and prospering in your labors on behalf of the Lord's Kingdom where you are. We are all doing well here in the Czech Republic. This report covers the second half of April as well as May.

PERSONAL BLOG

Please note the address for our blog: www.czechevangelism.blogspot.com. From time to time I post photos and comments here (usually of a personal nature, although not private) which do not usually show up in our monthly reports.

THE CHURCH IN LITOMYŠL

Average Sunday Attendance (April): 19

Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (April): 19

Contribution: \$233 (April)

Average Sunday Attendance (May): 21

Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (May): 21

Contribution: \$190 (May)

The church in Litomyšl continues to do well. We had quite a few visitors during May, both Christians and people from outside the church, including a married couple who visited from northern Moravia after seeing our web page. Unfortunately, there has been no further contact with them (at least for now).

We had no lectures during this report period, and aren't planning any until the fall.

Although I'm sure we'll have some lectures in the fall, I think we are going to be focusing our efforts more in the direction of having Bible studies in English each week for 12 weeks at a time. The Bible study that we had at our home in **Horní Jelení** (which concluded last week) went really well. Many of those who came expressed a very clear desire to have another course starting at the end of September. In fact, we were already able to set the study in Horní Jelení to be on Tuesday evenings. We will mainly be looking at the Old Testament. Six of the nine students enrolled in this course we just finished want to be a part of the next course, and I know of two other people who also want to attend. I have also heard that one of the women who attended this first course has several friends who would also like to come, so I expect to have two full groups here. Along these lines, I have ordered a case of 24 English Standard Version pew Bibles to be delivered to my address in Texas. We'll be bringing those back with us when we return from our

upcoming trip to Texas. These were purchased with funds donated by an anonymous Christian in California.

Additionally, **Marek Lustyk** and I have been making plans to do this same course in the town of **Proseč** which is very near to where he lives with his family. He has already arranged a place, and we will be mailing out flyers to the people in that town and the surrounding villages at the beginning of September.

I would also like to arrange the same course to run at the same time in the town of **Holice** (very near to where we live). So, if all goes well, we should have 3 courses running in 3 different places from the end of September until about mid-December

WEB SITE

We continue to have a large number of visitors at the church's web site. In April there were **667 visitors**. In May there were **568 visitors**. These are very good numbers of visitors, about what we have been averaging after a slower period earlier in the year. We had 2 requests for Bible literature as well as 4 anonymous questions during these two months.

TALK WITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

This Friday, I will be presenting a talk to a group of students at the local high school in **Holice**. The social studies teacher there invited me to come and speak with students on two topics: **1) Islam** and **2) the Influence of Jesus on Society**. Originally, this was going to be divided up into two weeks, each session being 90 minutes. However, due to some other things happening at the school, we had to shorten this into one 90-minute session. The students are all juniors, which in the Czech Republic means they are all about 18 years old (students are 19 at graduation here). I have been able to present these kinds of talks in the past, and they have been well-received. I hope that there will be more opportunities in the future. To go along with this, Ivana and I purchased New Testaments in Czech to hand out to the students who will be there. I have been able to give out literature in the past, and since most of these young people probably don't have Bibles at home, we thought this would be a good way to put the Gospel in their hands.

STUDENTS

Home Bible Study:

As mentioned above, this has finished until we start the second course in September.

In **Rychnov nad Kněžnou**:

Milena L.: various Bible questions

Helena D.: various Bible questions

In **Ustí nad Orlicí**:

Josef and **Běla H.** (Ivana's parents): discussing various questions about the Bible and Christianity.

Correspondence Course:

Tomáš D.: this man has finished the course, and I hope to find out soon if he would like to set up a personal study. He comes from **Třinec**, which is in northern Moravia.

FINAL WORDS

We would like to close by thanking all of you again for your support of and interest in the work here in this part of the Czech Republic. If we can answer any questions that you might have, please do not hesitate to write or call.

Yours in Christ,

Steven & Ivana