

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. Our weather continues to be unusually warm and pleasant.

This report covers February and the beginning of March.

PERSONAL BLOG

Please note the address for our blog: www.czechevangelism.blogspot.com. From time to time I post things here which do not usually show up in our monthly reports.

THE CHURCH IN LITOMYŠL

Average Sunday Attendance (February): 19

Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (February): 19

Contribution: \$231 (February)

The church presented one lecture during this reporting period, in **Litomyšl** on 28 February. One non-Christian came to this lecture. She listened, had a couple of comments/questions, but then left without leaving any contact information or setting up a Bible study. She herself was amazed that more people had not come. The title for the lecture was: "Why Look for Meaning in Life" and concerned evidences for the existence of God. The basic text for the lecture was Ecclesiastes 12:13: *"The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."* (ESV)

There remain 3 more lectures for the rest of the spring:

22 March	Polička
4 April	Vysoké Mýto
12 April	Svitavy

We may also plan a lecture in **Holice** before summer. In any case, the topic for all these lectures is the same as the one in Litomyšl.

WEB SITE

We continued to have a large number of visitors at the church's web site in February. There were **590 visitors**. We had six anonymous questions during this period, which were posted to the website along with answers.

The church decided to lower its advertising budget during the month of March to see how that will impact the amount of visitors to the website. The hope is to evaluate how much we budget for this as opposed to how many people it attracts.

STUDENTS

Home Bible Study:

This has been a highlight for us of late. In total, **9 people** responded to the handbills that Ivana and I sent out in **Horní Jelení**. The first Bible study took place in our home on March 7, and we had the second study yesterday evening. These nine people are divided up into 2 groups, one which meets from 8 p.m., the other meets from 9 p.m. Of these students, eight are women. Also, of the nine, seven are Roman Catholics, and two are non-believers.

The class itself is in English, and meets on Wednesday nights for 12 weeks. I've chosen texts from the New Testament intended to give a general overview. We're using the English Standard Version (ESV) as our text (New Testaments were ordered and shipped from the U.S.). I'd like to extend the class out for as long as possible, depending upon interest.

Our hope is that we will be able to follow this class with another here in Horní Jelení starting in September, and this time using the whole Bible. We would also like to try to arrange a class similar to this one in a larger city here in the area (maybe **Vysoké Mýto** or **Holice**) starting in the fall. This will be a bigger undertaking, involving a rented space which we can use regularly.

Since we plan to be in the U.S. this summer on vacation, our plan is to make a purchase of ESV Bibles which we can bring back in our luggage. The New Testaments for the current class actually cost more to ship than the books themselves!

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): studying Genesis, plus discussing their various questions.

Correspondence Course:

Tomáš D.: this man continues taking the course. He comes from **Třinec**, which is in northern Moravia.

Magdalena K.: this woman is a new student in the course, and lives in the area of the **Czech-Moravian Highlands**.

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