

# ***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, enjoying a much warmer than usual winter. In fact, it is so warm, that some of the trees are beginning to bud out with leaves. Hopefully we won't have a major freeze for the rest of the season. I can't remember in the nearly 15 years that I've lived here that the weather would be like it has been this winter.

## **PERSONAL BLOG**

Please note the address for our blog: [www.czechevangelism.blogspot.com](http://www.czechevangelism.blogspot.com). There is a link to this also from our personal website. The blog contains information that is more personal in nature, about us, but also about life here in the Czech Republic. It is not private, however, please feel free to visit and post comments. I'm not a "passionate" blogger, but I do post things from time to time that I think people might be interested in.

## **SUPPORT**

We were recently informed that the Hillview congregation in Nashville, Tennessee will be discontinuing all outside support, including ours, effective April 1. The congregation there has been involved in our support since January 1994. Their support is \$400 per month. However, in January, the Westside congregation in Irving, Texas, raised our support by \$250 per month. Upon learning of the change in support from Hillview, they decided to raise it another \$150 monthly, thus off-setting completely the loss of support from Hillview.

## **THE CHURCH IN LITOMYŠL**

**Average Sunday Attendance (January): 15**

**Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (January): 15**

**Contribution: \$226 (January)**

The church has finalized plans for 3 of its spring lectures, with 2 more yet to finalize. So far, the schedule looks like this:

28 February	<b>Litomyšl</b>
4 April	<b>Vysoké Mýto</b>
12 April	<b>Svitavy</b>

We are still working on dates for the lectures in Polička and Holice, one or both of which may end up being in March. The title for these lectures is: "Why Look for Meaning in Life" and will concern evidences for the existence of God. The basic text for the lecture will be 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)

## WEB SITE

We continue to have a large number of visitors at the church's web site. During the month of January there were **637 visitors**. We had nine anonymous questions during this period, which were posted to the website along with answers.

## STUDENTS

### Home Bible Study:

Ivana and I mailed out the handbills for this study last week in **Horní Jelení**. So far, **four people** have said they would like to come, and a fifth is considering it. Others may follow in time. The study starts on March 7 and will be in English, using texts not only from Luke, but from throughout the New Testament. Initially, I plan for it to last for 12 weeks, but if some are interested in meeting longer, then we will meet for as long as they would like. I have no illusions: most of those coming will have English as their main interest. But, we will be studying and discussing the Bible, and it is our hope and prayer that through this some good may be accomplished. Currently I am working on making arrangements for English New Testaments or Bibles to use with the students.

Unfortunately, the fact that it will be about the Bible will keep some away. One mother here in Horní Jelení, whose daughter goes to kindergarten with our daughter Adela, asked Ivana: "Will it really be about the Bible?", and upon hearing the answer yes, said she wasn't interested.

### 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.

**D.H.**: I had a meeting with this man in **Prague** on January 25. **Mike Morrow** and **Robert Hodanko** joined me in Robert's office for the meeting. Although this man continues to be a mystery of sorts (he says very little about himself, including even what town or city he lives in), he is still meeting with Mike in Prague. Since he is studying with Mike, I won't be mentioning him in future reports.

*Both of these contacts were initially made through the webpage.* Since there are Christians in Prague, it makes most sense to let them study with any contacts we may make in their area. In other cases, such as **Tomáš D.** in **Třinec**, we would be the closest Christians who could study with him, and so if he decided to study personally, I would go to him.

## 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*