

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. Things have been busy here since my last report. This report covers March and the first half of April.

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 (March): 19

Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (March): 19

Contribution: \$228 (March)

The church presented three lectures during this reporting period. The title for all these lectures 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)

On March 22 in **Polička**: 3 non-Christians attended this lecture. There were good questions and a good discussion after the lecture, but no personal contacts were made.

On April 4 in **Vysoké Mýto**: 3 non-Christians attended this lecture. One of the men who attended spent a good while talking with me after the lecture was over about his life. Unfortunately, though, the conversation did not develop into a personal contact.

On April 12 in **Svitavy**: Again, 3 non-Christians attended this lecture. All were women. 2 left right after the lecture, the 3rd stayed to ask some questions about observing the sabbath. I sat down and together we discussed the Scripture for about 30 minutes. I encouraged her to think about the things we had talked about, and I would be happy to discuss them more. She said she would see what her preacher (7th-Day Adventist) had to say about what I had said, but told me very plainly that she saw no reason to discuss it any further, since she knows that she has Jesus, and has no intention of "changing churches". At any rate, I said, if she changed her mind I would be happy if she would contact me and we could sit down together again, even with her preacher present. This lecture concluded our series for the spring here

in our area.

BRNO STUDY

We had the pleasure last Saturday of being at the regular group Bible study which takes place in **Brno** (Moravia, Czech Republic) every other month. There were Christians there from most of the congregations in the Czech Republic, as well as some from **Slovakia**. **Lee and Marcie Tosti**, currently working with the saints in **Budapest**, Hungary, were also there.

Marek Lustyk, Petr Novak and I organized this study on Satan. My talk served as an introduction as to who Satan is, and then Petr followed with his talk concerning how Satan works. Marek finished with his lesson about how Christians should defend themselves against the Devil. Petr and Marek both did excellent jobs preparing for this study and then presenting what they had prepared.

WEB SITE

We continued to have a large number of visitors at the church's web site in March. There were **433 visitors**. This is about 150 people less than we had in February, and is most likely a result of the church having lowered the budget for the ads for the website during March. The church has kept the budget lower in April as well to see if the March figures were an accident or were really caused by lowering the budget.

There were just a couple of anonymous questions during March.

STUDENTS

Home Bible Study:

This Bible Study in English continues to go well. In total, there are **9 people** attending, divided into two groups. We are over half way through the course, and interest continues to be good. I hope that most if not all of them will want to continue with the course beginning with the new school year in September.

Towards that end, Ivana and I will be bringing more Bibles and/or New Testaments back with us when we return from our vacation in the U.S. in July. Not only do we hope to continue the current course in our home in **Horní Jelení**, but we want to explore the possibility of doing the same course in nearby towns like **Vysoké Mýto** or **Holice**.

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 we will see if he would like to set up a personal study. He comes from **Třinec**, which is in northern Moravia.

Magdalena K.: this woman continues 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