

The Lord's Work in the Czech Republic

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Dear Brethren,

Please excuse the lateness of this report. Due to sickness in our family, and in the congregation in Litomyšl, our regularly-scheduled men's meeting was late, delaying my being able to put all the necessary information together for this report.

We hope that this report finds all of you doing well. We are doing fine here in the Czech Republic now. Most of my family (including myself) were sick for the first 10 days of January with some kind of virus. It took us all quite a while to get over it. Adela and Samuel's adenoid removal surgeries went well in November, and both are having a much better time at sleeping than they did before.

Unfortunately, there was also quite a bit of sickness in the congregation in Litomyšl during December. Little **Angelika Nováková** was sick with pneumonia for a good part of the month, but is completely recovered now.

So far, this has been the winter "that wasn't" in the Czech Republic. We've had almost spring-like weather throughout December and now into January. We're not complaining at all (except for the children who would really like to at least use their sleds some this winter!).

This report covers the period November 15 - December, 2006.

THE CHURCH IN LITOMYŠL

Average Sunday Attendance (November): 20
Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (November): 20
Contribution: \$253 (November)

Average Sunday Attendance (December): 13
Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (December): 13
Contribution: \$202 (December)

Due to all the sickness and the holidays at the end of the year, the church has not finalized its plans for spring lectures, although we expect to finish these by next Sunday so that we can set a schedule. As usual, we plan to hold lectures in **Litomyšl**, **Vysoké Mýto**, **Polička**, **Svitavy**, and **Holice**, which are the five major cities where we regularly hold lectures. The topic will concern reasons for believing in God, but we still need to finalize the exact title of the lecture, so that we can start to do handbills.

I would expect these lectures to start in the middle of February and continue every other week until we have covered all five of the cities.

WEB SITE

We continue to have a large number of visitors at the church's web site. During the month of November there were **570 visitors**. During December there were **559 visitors**. As is usual, the vast majority of these visitors were from the Czech and Slovak Republics. Without a doubt, we had more visitors in November than during any other one month that we've had the web page up and running. We had several anonymous questions during this period, which were posted to the website along with answers.

The increase in activity to the website is mainly a result of the changes that Google has made to its Adwords structure in the Czech Republic. As a result, our advertising of the webpage has also gone up considerably in price (bill for November = \$200, bill for December = \$263). Payment is on a "per click" basis, so we only pay when someone actually sees our ad and clicks on it. We are able to adjust the budget up and down, and thus have control as to how much we can afford as a congregation to pay monthly.

STUDENTS

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 seems serious about continuing in the course. He comes from **Třinec**, which is northern Moravia.

D.H.: I tentatively have a meeting set up with this man on January 25 in **Prague**. **Mike Morrow**, who preaches in Prague, will join me for this meeting, and then if the man wishes to continue studying, then he can plan that with Mike.

Both of these contacts were initially made through the webpage.

Home Bible Study:

I hope to begin a home Bible study in **Horní Jelení** at the end of February. It will be in English, and will use texts from the Gospel of Luke. Ivana and I will be sending handbills out to all the mailboxes in our town to see how many people would be interested in coming (unfortunately, there is often more interest in English than in the Bible in the Czech Republic today).

WEB SITE ON THE WORK

Our website is up and running. The address is www.baxleys.info. There are photos available, as well as personal updates from time to time (I hope to do a better job of adding more photos). Also, previous months' reports can be downloaded from this site.

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