

The Lord's Work in the Czech Republic

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Dear Brethren,

We hope that this report finds all of you doing well. We are doing fine here in the Czech Republic. The weather has continued to be unpredictable this fall. Even though we had our first snow a couple of weeks ago, yesterday a new record was set for a high temperature (60F).

On a personal note, if all goes according to plans, both Adela and Samuel have an appointment to have their adenoids removed on November 23. Both have had problems with snoring, and Sam also has had problems with sleep apnea. After a second and third opinion, we decided to have the procedures done. They are supposed to stay overnight in the hospital (Ivana will stay with them) and come home the day after Thanksgiving. As a family, we've decided to celebrate Thanksgiving late, after both have recovered enough to enjoy the holiday.

I am also in the process of renewing my yearly residency permit in the Czech Republic. The paperwork is pretty straightforward, and I don't expect any problems.

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

THE CHURCH IN LITOMYŠL

Average Sunday Attendance (October): 23
Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (October): 23

Contribution: \$335 (October)

The church in Litomyšl continues to do well. Attendance during October was well above average. We had quite a few visitors during this month from other congregations in the Czech Republic. We were also able to enjoy lessons presented by **Jaromír Vokál** from the church in **České Budějovice** on October 1, **Charlie Brackett** (at the time staying in **Brno**) on October 15, and **Lee Fenner** (on a short visit from **Lithuania**) on October 22.

There were four lectures during this report period. The first one, in **Litomyšl**, was reported in the previous report. The topic for all of these lectures was the same: "*Judas: Victim or Traitor?*" and was primarily a defense of the four Gospels of the New Testament as opposed to newly-found "gospels" like the Gospel of Judas.

I have to say that I was very disappointed with the attendance at these lectures. We had expected many more people to come to a lecture on this type of topic. Now the church will begin planning the next series of lectures which should begin in January (December is not a very good month in general for lectures, although I may try to slip one in the nearby town of **Holice**).

Here is an overview of attendance at these four lectures:

DATE	CITY	Non-Christians Present
October 5	Litomyšl	1
October 18	Vysoké Mýto	3
November 9	Svitavy	6
November 15	Polička	3

On a different note, the church has decided to spend some time studying the Holy Spirit after we finish our adult Bible Study on the Gospel of John. After that short study, we plan to begin a study of Acts.

WEB SITE

We continue to have a large number of visitors at the church's web site. During the period October 14 - November 15, we had 527 visitors. The vast majority of these visitors were from the Czech and Slovak Republics. *This was probably a new record for visitors to our site.* We had several anonymous questions. These questions and their answers were posted to the website. We also had two people request the correspondence course and Bible study materials.

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:

Jaroslav Č.: this is a continuing student.

Tomáš D.: this man requested the correspondence course as well as Bible study materials (*new contact*).

Marcela Š.: this woman requested the correspondence course as well as Bible study materials (*new contact*).

D.H.: this individual has requested materials and would like to meet in Prague. Although not from Prague himself, he doesn't want to meet in his home town (at present, I don't even know where his home town is). We'll see how this goes.

WEB SITE ON THE WORK

Our website is now up and running. The address is www.baxleys.info. There are photos available, as well as personal updates from time to time. Also, previous months' reports can be downloaded (starting with last month's report).

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. I would expect my next report to come out sometime during the period between Christmas and New Year's, and will cover the period up till the end of the year. If we can answer any questions that you might have, please do not hesitate to write or call.

Yours in Christ,

Steven & Ivana