

The Lord's Work in the Czech Republic

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Dear Brethren,

We hope that this finds all of you doing well. We are doing fine here in the Czech Republic. We continue to make our plans to move to the U.S. on about July 31. This is just a very short report to keep you up to date on the work here, as well as how our plans are moving forward.

THE CHURCH IN LITOMYŠL

Average Sunday Attendance (May): 20

Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (May) : 20

Contribution: \$381 (May)

Petr Novák's mother continues to be at home, taken care of by family. She did not want to finish her life in the hospital, and all the family members have been working hard to see to it that she has round-the-clock care. She has 5 adult children, and with their spouses, she is never left alone. Please continue to keep her and the whole family in your prayers (you will remember that she was baptized into Christ in April).

The other members of the church in Litomyšl continue to do well. In our most recent men's meeting, we discussed various changes that would be made necessary by our leaving. The Christians are making plans for taking care of some of the things that we have taken care of up till now.

UPDATE ON OUR PLANS

Our plans continue to progress in regards to moving to the U.S. We have been able to make our plans firmer based on the following:

- Our house here has been sold for all intents and purposes. We are to meet with the buyers at City Hall here in Horní Jelení on June 25 to sign the final sale papers and put the house in their names. We will be able to continue to live in the house until we move.
- Ivana's immigration visa has been issued, so she can now enter the U.S. as an immigrant. Her actual green card and Social Security card will be mailed to her later, but the visa in her passport will allow her to legally enter the U.S. as a permanent resident (she will be eligible for U.S. citizenship after living in the U.S. for 3 years).

- The moving company has sent me the invoice for the full charges for shipping our things to Texas. It came out to be \$5,852.46. I have to pay this bill tomorrow when I am in Prague on my way to the airport. This represents what it will cost to ship only our most important personal items. The movers will come on July 1 to pack up and take away the things we are shipping. It will take them 6-8 weeks to arrive by ship in Houston and then by truck to Dallas.
- I will be in Texas (by myself) from **June 12-23**. There are a couple of reasons for making this trip now, but the main one is to interview with congregations that might be interested in having me come to work with them. At this time, I have appointments with three churches: one in Georgia, and two in Texas. So that our children can start the U.S. school year in their new home, we hope that we will have found a church to work with by August.
- We have purchased our airplane tickets for **July 31**, leaving Prague that day and arriving in Dallas late that evening (Texas time). The total cost was \$6,188.60. These tickets were more than we have paid in years past, but this is most probably due to the higher cost of airplane fuel.

SUPPORT NEEDS

In regards to moving, we are trying to raise **\$12,000** in support for our moving/travelling expenses. So far, we have raised **\$5,500**, leaving us still short by **\$6,500**. This figure of \$12,000 is a firm number that will cover not only our shipping costs, but also our airfare. *Any help with this would be greatly appreciated.*

CONTACTING US

Please feel free to contact us with any questions that you might have. During the time that I'll be in Texas, you can call me at **(972) 399-8812** or on my cell which will be **(214) 212-0888** (from June 13 on). Once I am back in the Czech Republic, you can call me on my VOIP number. It is charged at normal U.S. rates, but will ring me here in the Czech Republic. You can use your normal phone or cell phone to make the call. If I can't answer the call, my phone will show your number, and I'll call you back. That VOIP phone number is: **(972) 535-6205**. Of course, I can also be reached at any time by e-mail (sdbaxley@yahoo.com).

Brethren, in closing, please allow us to thank you again for your support of the work here in the Czech Republic. Please continue to keep us, but most especially the Christians here, in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Steven & Ivana