

# *The Lord's Work in the Czech Republic*

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Dear Brethren,

We hope that this finds all of you doing well. Our time here in the Czech Republic is rapidly drawing to a close. We leave for Prague on July 30, and then for the U.S. on July 31. Please note the updated contact information in the header of this report.

This is the last report of my full-time work here in the Czech Republic. Sixteen years ago when I came here, I had no idea that I would stay this long. I have spent longer in this country than in any given place in my life before coming here.

Of course, this country has been Ivana's home for all of her life, and it is the only home that our children have ever known as "home", even though they have visited the U.S. many times. For them, moving to the U.S. will be a completely different experience than it will be for me.

The Christians in Litomyšl, with whom we have worked since the beginning of that congregation in 1994, are now prepared as much as is possible for the challenges that lay before them in the Kingdom. They are very near and dear to our hearts. We have watched their children grow, and they have watched ours do the same. More importantly, we have watched them grow in the Lord, and I hope that our small part in that will continue to bring fruit for the Lord's Church here for many years to come.

*But, the time has come for us to move on.*

We have been invited to work with the North Beach Street congregation in Fort Worth, Texas. I had the pleasure of meeting with the church there on June 22 while in the U.S. We have accepted the elders' invitation, and we should begin our work with them on August 3. The elders there not only have agreed to let me make annual trips back to preach in the Czech Republic, but in fact are encouraging me to do so.

We hope to buy a house in Fort Worth as soon as possible, but until that time, my parents'

address will still be good for reaching us (that address is also in the header above). My cell phone in the U.S. is (214) 212-0888. This number will work from August 1.

## **THANK YOU**

We could not finish this report without thanking all of you for the support that you have given us over the years in this work. Some of that support has been financial, but we also know that many prayers have been offered up to the Father not only for us, but also for the Christians here. We have received many letters, cards, and e-mails offering encouragement as we have sought to teach others about the Gospel. I don't think you can ever know how much all of that has meant to us.

*For all of these things, we say **THANK YOU!***

## **AUGUST SUPPORT**

Since we will be starting immediately in the work in Fort Worth, we will not be needing any outside support in August. Some of you may have already sent support checks for August, and if so, we will be returning those to you by mail. Also, thank you for the support that we have received for moving expenses. We received \$10,200 of the \$12,000 we were seeking, and at this point in time, we have decided not to try to raise the \$1,800 difference.

Finally, brethren, may God continue to keep you safe and bless you in your labors on His behalf. If you are ever in Fort Worth, please drop in and visit with the saints at North Beach ([www.northbeachchurchofchrist.com](http://www.northbeachchurchofchrist.com)).

Yours in Christ,

*Steven & Ivana*