

# REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2005

March 15, 2005

Dear Brethren,

We hope that this report finds all of you doing well. We are doing fine here in the Czech Republic. The heavy snow that has been a real problem during February and early March is finally beginning to melt off and warmer temperatures are a much-welcomed change after what has been a very cold and wintry two months.

## SUPPORT

One change from last month's report. We received a raise of \$200 per month from the Lindale, Texas church. After discussing this with them, we decided that we would accept it only with the understanding that it would be used in special ways in the work. So, we are not considering it personal support, but support which will be devoted solely to doing special things for the work. One of the first things we did with these funds was to purchase special advertising for the web page on one of the Czech search engines. This special advertising will start on March 25. One of the ads (anyone searching for the word "Bible" will see the link to our webpage first in the list) will last for six months, ending in September 2005. The other will last for twelve months, ending in March 2006. It is something like a yellow page listing for the church, but on the internet. Additionally, we plan to run some newspaper ads with information about the possibility of studying the Bible with me. These ads exhausted the "work fund" for January, February, and March.

## THE CHURCH IN LITOMYSL

Membership: 11 (+11 minor children)

Average Sunday Attendance (February): 11 (including children)

Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (February): 11 (including children)

Contribution: \$204 (February)

February was about as bad as January as far as attendance was concerned. Illnesses continued, and were joined by very cold wintry weather which made transport for some very difficult. I also missed one Sunday in February due to illness. Samuel continued to have health problems which were finally diagnosed and treated (urinary tract infection). Ivana wasn't able to be at worship at all during February, due to illnesses among our children.

The church has the following lectures planned:

- 1) Litomyšl, 17 March : The New Testament Church
- 2) Horní Jelení, 15 April : 1st Century Palestine / Life of Jesus
- 3) Polická, 22 April : The New Testament Church

Additionally, I would like to fit a lecture in in Holice during this month, with the topic being the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. However, this may have to wait until May. More lectures will follow in May, in Svitavy and Vysoke Myto.

The advertising of the web page on [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) continues. We have had the ad appear over 2300 times, with 11 people clicking on it and being directed to the website.

The website has also undergone an almost complete make-over, including a brand-new look and a couple of new sections being added. One new section is a place where we plan to put the weekly sermons for people to download (they'll be in various formats). Perhaps later we'll be able to record the sermons and place the sound files on the site, but right now we're not set up to do this. If any of you have suggestions as to how we can do this, please contact me at [baxleyovi@cirkevbozi.cz](mailto:baxleyovi@cirkevbozi.cz).

Also, Kenny Chumbley graciously gave permission to post the entire Czech version of his book, The Gospel Argument for God, in pdf format to the website. This is the second entire book we've posted to the website, the other being Robert Harkrider's workbook on Daniel (in Czech). There are various other shorter articles posted as well, mostly in Czech, but also some in Slovak. I don't have any way to know how much of this material is being downloaded by visitors.

The married couple in Sumperk, Jan and Vera O., had to cancel our March 4 meeting. It has been re-scheduled for 18 March. Marek Lustyk will be going with me to meet with them.

## STUDENTS

Unfortunately, Helena M. in Rychnov nad Knežnou decided that she no longer has time for our Bible studies. I have studied with her for about 3 years, and she has certainly come to a good understanding of what God requires of her, although she has been unwilling to do anything with it. We have left the door open that if she were to change her mind she can contact me and we'll start again.

In Rychnov nad Knežnou:

Milena Lockerova: studying Ephesians, soon to begin Philipians

Martin Locker (Milena's husband): studying Genesis ... still on hold due to his work schedule (there has been no improvement here, although he still intends to start studying again)

Helena D.: studying Robert Harkrider's Basic Bible Doctrines Book 1, along with her other questions.

In Usti nad Orlici:

Josef and Bela Hladik (Ivana's parents): studying the Book of Acts.

In Horni Jeleni:

Romana is a new student, and friend of Ivana's. She is not a believer at this time, but wants to believe, but is not willing to do that without knowing why. So, we'll be studying evidences.

Correspondence Course:

Josef M. (in Jesenik)

Petr V. (in Prague)

WEB SITE

There were 106 visitors to the website since the January report. There was one request for the correspondence course, as well as Bible study materials from a man living in Prague.

FINAL WORDS

We always like to close these reports by thanking you all again for your support of and interest in the work in this part of the Czech Republic. Please keep us, and especially the Christians and students here, in your prayers. If we can answer any questions that you might have, please feel free to write.

Yours in Christ,  
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