

# REPORT FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2006

February 24, 2006  
Dear Brethren,

We hope that this report finds all of you doing well. Please note our new telephone number in the header above.

Although we have had a few days with warmer weather, we are still very much in the grip of winter. The extreme cold that we had in January and early February has gone away, although it did keep a couple of families from being able to be at worship a couple of times (car troubles due to the cold). I have been experiencing some problems with my neck and spine which was causing dizziness and headaches, but with rehab, it has gotten much better, almost back to normal. I suspect it was mostly brought on by the cold weather and lack of outside activity.

This report will cover January and February. I apologize for its lateness, this was due to several factors, not the least of which was the plan to include information about our latest lecture (yesterday).

## SUPPORT

We received word this month that the Santa Clara congregation in Santa Clara , California has raised our monthly support by \$50. We appreciate their desire to give us this increase.

## TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES

Our family plans to travel to the United States from June 28 to July 25, 2006 . In addition to spending time with my family, we would like to make ourselves available to visit supporting congregations. Here is our schedule so far:

2 July – Haltom City , TX  
9 July – available  
16 July – Kilgore , TX  
23 July – available

If you would be interested in seeing me (or all of us), please let me know what dates you would have in mind and we can begin to make plans accordingly.

## THE CHURCH IN LITOMYS L

Membership: 11 (+11 minor children)  
Average Sunday Attendance (January): 17 (including children)  
Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (January): 17 (including children)  
Contribution: \$242 (January)

The church in Litomysl continues to do very well. Work continues on the new songbook. We were blessed to have a visit from Honza and Kamila Fojt from the church in Brno. Kamila, who is a professional orchestra director, gave quite a bit of musical advice which will help in making our songbook better. We are also trying to coordinate with them so that our songbook and the songbook used in Brno would be similar to each other.

The following lectures took place since the last report:

Horni Jeleni – January 20 – Topic: “The Bible and Archaeology”

There were 7 non-Christians present for this lecture. Given the weather conditions at the time, I was very pleased with this number. We discussed the contents of the lecture for about an hour after the lecture was over (the lecture itself lasted about 60 minutes).

Chocen – February 23 – “Life After Life”

Chocen is a town located just a few miles from where we live in Horni Jeleni. It has a population of about 5,000. There were 8 non-Christians present for this lecture. One of the married couples seemed to be very interested in the church in Litomysl and indicated that they might come to visit the assembly. I also re-stated the possibility of me coming to meet with them for a Bible study in their home. We’ll see if anything comes from it.

Upcoming Lectures:

Ceska Trebova – March 9 – Topic: “Life After Life”

Horni Jeleni – March 31 – Topic: “Islam”

Other lectures are being planned in the local towns for April, May, and June. But dates and exact topics have not yet been decided.

## WEB SITE

We continue to have a large number of visitors at the web site. During the period January 20 to February 23, we had 260 visitors. The two women from far-north Bohemia who were studying the correspondence course by e-mail finished the course, but did not accept the invitation to study personally. During this period we also had one request from a man in central Bohemia for the correspondence course by regular mail. We also had 3 Bible questions

sent in to the webpage (I answer them and post them to the webpage, they are sent in anonymously).

#### THE CHURCH IN RYCHNOV NAD KNEZNOU

Milena Lockerova and Helena Duracova, the only two members of this tiny congregation, continue to be committed to meeting together and worshipping God. Helena's baby is now due at any time. This is her second child. Unfortunately, neither of these sister's husbands are showing any interest in the worship.

#### STUDENTS

In Rychnov nad Kneznou:

Milena Lockerova : various Bible questions

Helena Duracova : various Bible questions

In Usti nad Orlici:

Josef and Bela Hladik (Ivana's parents): studying Genesis, plus discussing their various questions. I have recently given them more materials on the reliability of the Bible and the resurrection of Jesus for them to study.

In Horni Jeleni:

Romana : we are now studying the Gospel of Luke. Romana also attends the worship in Litomysl fairly regularly. She has 3 children and brings different ones on different Sundays. Romana has not been able to study privately much in recent weeks due to her husband not being happy that she is gone on Sunday mornings plus one evening a week for our studies. Given the choice of the two, I think it is better for her to be at worship where she not only hears preaching and Bible study, but also gets to interact with the Christians.

#### FINAL WORDS

Brethren, thank you all for your support of the work here in the Czech Republic. Thank you also for remembering us and the Christians here in your prayers. May God continue to bless you in your efforts on behalf of His Kingdom.

Yours in Christ,  
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