

MARCH 2006 REPORT

April 11, 2006

Dear Brethren,

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

Spring has finally begun to start here in this part of Europe, although it is just beginning. Just the beginnings of green leaves and new grass are beginning to show up. The snow is all gone now, except for in the mountains. The flooding in recent weeks in some parts of the Czech Republic has not caused any problems in the Litomyšl area.

I am still continuing to have problems with my cervical spine, causing headaches and dizziness, but the overall situation has improved quite a bit from what it was like in January into February. Along with doctors, we continue to try to find the source of the problem, and hopefully will find the right treatment soon.

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 – Stonegate, Port Arthur, TX

16 July – Kilgore, TX

23 July – available in Dallas area

The only date still available is July 23, and since we fly back to the Czech Republic on July 25, we would need to limit that to visiting a congregation in the Dallas area.

THE CHURCH IN LITOMYSL

Membership: 11 (+11 minor children)

Average Sunday Attendance (February): 16 (including children)

Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (February): 16 (including children)

Contribution: \$276 (February)

Average Sunday Attendance (March): 14 (including children)

Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (March): 14 (including children)

Contribution: \$232 (March)

The church in Litomyšl has had a lot of illness during this period, lowering our average attendance during March down to 14, including children. Almost everyone is healthy again, so I would expect to see the attendance return to normal in April.

The following lectures took place since the last report:

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

There were 8 non-Christians present for this lecture. This was the final presentation of this topic. I had expected more people to show up for this lecture, but the weather was very bad that day, which probably kept a lot of people away.

Horni Jeleni – April 7 – Topic: “Islam”

There were 5 non-Christians present for this lecture. Once again, I had expected more people to come to this lecture, although 5 is not bad in a town of only 1,800 people. This time, we had the opposite problem with weather ... it was one of the first warmer days of spring, and many people were out working in their gardens!

Upcoming Lectures:

April: Holice

May: Usti nad Orlici, Policka

June: Vysoke Myto

WEB SITE

We continue to have a large number of visitors at the web site. During the period February 24 to April 11, we had 312 visitors. We had more anonymous questions this month, which were posted along with Bible answers to the web page. There were no requests for the correspondence course or for private Bible studies.

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 was born on March 5. His name is Martin, and both mother and baby are doing well. After the 6 week period that most mothers here spend isolated from social settings, these two sisters will begin worshipping together again. I hope to be with them on April 23. Helena's first child, Veronika, is autistic (only recently diagnosed), so she has her hands full during this period of adjustment with the new baby. Please keep her and the children in your prayers.

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. We are also studying the reliability of the Bible and the resurrection of Jesus.

In Horni Jeleni:

Romana: we are now studying the Gospel of Luke. We have not been able to meet together, nor has she been able to attend worship in recent weeks due to illness in her family, and opposition from her husband to her being gone on Sunday mornings. We hope this will change soon.

Correspondence Course:

Arnost F.: this is a new student.

FINAL WORDS

Brethren, we would like to conclude this report by once again thanking you all for your continued support of us and of the work here in this part of the Czech Republic. If we can answer any questions that you might have, please feel free to write.

Yours in Christ,

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