

APRIL/MAY 2006 REPORT

May 30, 2006

Dear Brethren,

We hope that this report finds all of you doing well. We are doing fine here in the Czech Republic.

This report covers April-May of 2006.

TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES

The time is rapidly getting closer for us to leave for the U.S. We plan to leave on June 28, and will return to the Czech Republic on July 25. This is our schedule as it stands right now:

2 July – Haltom City, TX

9 July – Stonegate, Port Arthur, TX

16 July a.m. – Kilgore, TX

16 July p.m. – Lindale, 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

Average Sunday Attendance (April): 20 (including children)

Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (April): 20 (including children)

Contribution: \$256 (April)

The church in Litomyšl continues to do well. Illnesses have been at a minimum, so our attendance has been much more normal over the last two months.

The following lectures took place since the last report:

Holice – April 19 – Topic: “Islam”

There were 18 non-Christians present for this lecture. I was very pleased with this turn-out, which included a good mix of people of different ages. There were lots of questions and discussion after the lecture.

Policka – May 16 – Topic: “Islam”

There were 5 non-Christians present for this lecture. I had expected more people to come. However, due to the fact that we had to leave the room by 7 p.m., we were forced to start at 5 p.m., which was really too early in the evening. Additionally, there was a thunderstorm during the lecture which may have kept some people away. We lost power during the lecture and had to wait for them to turn it back on so I could restart my laptop and portable projector and continue with the topic.

Upcoming Lectures:

Vysoke Myto – June 8 – Topic: “Islam”

Usti nad Orlici – June 9 – Topic: “Islam”

TALK AT HOLICE HIGH SCHOOL

As you may remember, I teach a few hours each week of English conversation at the high school in Holice. This is to fulfill the requirements of the Czech government concerning health insurance. The teacher who teaches a seminar (elective) course on philosophy/religion asked if I would be willing to come and speak to her class on the topic of “Judaism and Early Christianity”. Of course, I jumped at the chance. The talk was scheduled for May 4. There were about 20-25 students present (I couldn't get an accurate count). I spoke in Czech for 90 minutes, covering the situation in Judaism during the 1st century, the life of Jesus, and the birth, organization, and teachings of the New Testament Church. The students had opportunity to ask questions, which they did. At the end of the talk, I left the CD with the PowerPoint presentation with the teacher in case any of the students wanted to go through it again. She indicated that she might like me to come and make another talk before the end of the school year (the school year here lasts until June 30). If that doesn't work out, then maybe I will get to give another talk during next school year.

WEB SITE

We continue to have a large number of visitors at the web site. During the period April 12 to May 30, we had 333 visitors. That covers a period of about 6 weeks. We had one anonymous question this month, which was posted along with a Bible answer to the web page. There was one request for Bible study materials.

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.

In Horni Jeleni:

Romana: Romana has still not managed to set-up a Bible study. We have reached the conclusion that she probably is not interested in studying anymore, but is just unwilling to say so.

Correspondence Course:

Arnost F.: this is a continuing student.

FINAL WORDS

I hope to send one more report out before going to the U.S., to include information on the two lectures at the beginning of June.

Thank you again for your support of the work here in this part of the Czech Republic. If we can answer any questions you might have, please feel free to write.

Yours in Christ,

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