

OCTOBER 2005 REPORT

November 16, 2005

Dear Brethren,

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

REDUCTION IN SUPPORT

We were recently informed by the brethren at the Hillview congregation in Nashville, Tennessee that they will be reducing their support from \$600 monthly to \$400 monthly effective January 1. We would like to make up this \$200 loss, if it is possible.

THE CHURCH IN LITOMYSL

Membership: 11 (+11 minor children)
Average Sunday Attendance (October): 20 (including children)
Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (October): 20 (including children)
Contribution: \$249 (October)

The church in Litomyšl continues to do well. Attendance also continues to be very good, in fact the average attendance in October was the highest of the year to date. This was helped by the fact that we had several visitors this month, and the onset of cold and flu season has only just now begun.

The following lectures took place since the last report:

Horní Jelení – October 21 – Topic: “Life After Life” (a look at the Bible’s teaching concerning what happens after death and will happen at the end of time).

There were 22 non-Christians present for this lecture, including Ivana’s parents and Anna’s 2nd grade teacher. There was a good question and answer session following the lecture. Horní Jelení has a population of about 1,800 people, so this was a really good turn-out.

Policka – November 10 – Topic: “Life After Life” (same format as in Horní Jelení)

There were 18 non-Christians present for this lecture, and there was also a lot of discussion afterwards.

Upcoming Lectures:

Vysoké Mýto – December 1 – Topic: “Life After Life”

This will be the final lecture of the year. We plan to start more lectures immediately in January.

The church is in the process of planning its sign which will be located on the main road which runs through Litomyšl. Now it is only a question of its design and where exactly it will be placed along the road.

WEB SITE

We continue to have a large number of visitors at the web site. During the period October 14 – November 16, we had 170 visitors. We also had one request for the Bible correspondence course, as well as a couple of questions.

STUDENTS

In Rychnov nad Knežnou:
Milena Lockerova: various Bible questions
Helena D.: various Bible questions

In Ústí nad Orlicí:
Josef and Bela Hladik (Ivana’s parents): studying Genesis, plus discussing their various questions

In Horní Jelení:
Romana: we are now studying the Gospel of Luke. Romana has also attended the worship in Litomyšl twice now, and seems to be very interested in what she has seen and heard there.

In Bukovka:
Jaroslav P.: this is a man who contacted me through a mutual acquaintance. He is apparently dissatisfied with the typical churches (denominations) in the Czech Republic, and is looking for a group which is interested in following the Bible. So far, we have been in touch by e-mail, but I am expecting him to contact me anytime now to arrange a date for us to meet. Bukovka is a small village located 27 miles west of Horní Jelení.

GOSPEL MEETING IN UDINE, ITALY

We had the great pleasure of being with the saints in Udine, Italy, for a Gospel Meeting during October 27-30. The lessons were well-received, and the congregation extended wonderful hospitality to us while there. We have known the saints there for many years (since 1993). They have about 50 members now, without counting all the numerous children. They are also a very international group, with members coming originally from at least 5 different countries on 4 continents. Valerio Marchi is the preacher there, and it is obvious that he is doing a good work for the Lord’s Kingdom in northeast Italy.

While in Udine, we had the pleasure of witnessing the baptism of a man named Franco. As I understand it, he was brought into contact with the congregation through his friend Immanuele, and then taught the Gospel by Valerio and also Andrea Miola (a good brother who helps in the public teaching). His baptism was very encouraging to the saints there, and of course to us also.

The following photos are from Udine.

FINAL WORDS

We would like to conclude this report by thanking you for your continued interest in and support of the work here in this part of the Czech Republic. If we can answer any questions, please feel free to write.

Yours in Christ,

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