

# SEPTEMBER 2005 REPORT

October 13, 2005

Dear Brethren,

We hope that this report finds all of you doing well. We are doing fine here in the Czech Republic. Fall has come to this part of Europe, but although the trees are changing colors, the temperatures are still relatively warm for this time of the year, which lets us enjoy short sleeves and light jackets for at least a little longer.

## THE CHURCH IN LITOMYSL

Membership: 11 (+11 minor children)  
Average Sunday Attendance (September): 19 (including children)  
Average Sunday Bible Study Attendance (September): 19 (including children)  
Contribution: \$181 (September)

The church in Litomyšl continues to do well. Attendance also continues to be very good, again thanks to the fact that almost everyone has been healthy during the last month.

The fall lecture schedule has gotten off to a good start. Here are the lectures since the last report:

Horní Jelení – September 16 – Topic: “The Resurrection of Jesus Christ”

There were 2 non-Christians present for this lecture, which was in all honesty a disappointing turn-out (given how many people had come to past lectures here). We were told by several people that they had planned to attend but were unable. Horní Jelení is the town where we live, and has a population of just over 1,800.

After this lecture, the editor of the local “newspaper” suggested I write a short article talking about who I am, and what the lectures are about. I wrote a short article, which Ivana translated into Czech. It was published in the October edition of the newspaper.

Svitavy – September 22 – Topic: “Life After Life” (a look at reincarnation in light of Bible teaching)

This was the first lecture we have presented in Svitavy since last year. There were 33 non-Christians present for this lecture, including a few who were slightly disruptive. From the church in Litomyšl, Marek Lustyk and Jarda and Jana Onesork came. Svitavy has a population of just under 18,000.

The discussion period went for about 90 minutes after the lecture itself was finished. There was at least one Buddhist present, as well as quite a few adherents of New Age philosophy.

Holice – October 7 – Topic: “Life After Life” (this was a different lecture than the one in Svitavy, focusing less on the Bible’s answer to reincarnation and more on the Bible’s teaching of what follows death and what will happen at the end of time).

There were 11 non-Christians present for this lecture. The discussion period was not as “lively” as the one in Svitavy, though. Holice has a population of just over 6,000.

Upcoming Lectures:

Horní Jelení – October 21 – Topic: “Life After Life” (same format as in Holice)

Policka – November 10 – Topic: “Life After Life”

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

We will also try to plan at least one more lecture in both Holice and Horní Jelení during the fall.

Additionally, the church continues to run a monthly ad in one of the local freely-distributed advertising papers. So far, we have had one request from these ads for Bible literature.

The church is also still investigating the possibility of putting up a sign on the main road that runs through Litomyšl.

## WEB SITE

We continue to have a large number of visitors at the web site. During the period September 8 – October 13, we had 180 visitors. I am no longer tracking the number of files downloaded each month from the website (this was a paid service, and I only used it temporarily to get an idea of whether or not people in general are downloading files.)

## STUDENTS

In Rychnov nad Knežnou:

Milena Lockerova: various Bible questions

Helena D.: various Bible questions

In Usti 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.

#### GOSPEL MEETING

I have been invited to hold a Gospel meeting for the church in Udine, Italy, during October 27-30. We are looking forward to being with the Christians there.

#### FINAL WORDS

Thank you, brethren, for your continued support of the work here in this part of the Czech Republic. Please keep us, and the Christians here, in your prayers. You are in our prayers also.

Yours in Christ,

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