

JULY 2023 DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS OF THE REACH BEYOND MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAKIA

For everything there is a season, and a time for very purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

IT IS HOT

Finally, we are at home. Three days after returning from America, we joined a group of friends and enjoyed spiritual sharing and mutual encouragement. This month began with another mountain retreat, this time with our church. This was more like a family retreat. We had quite a few children of all ages. Morning and evening messages were focused on Stewardship. We had two pastors from the church in Spokane, another American pastor, and a church planter from Pilsen. Living and being here for 5 years his Czech language was excellent, although it takes a lot of effort and commitment.

Our congregation is very diverse. It is multigenerational and truly international - Czechs, Americans, Armenians, Romanians, Moldovans, and Ukrainians; we are in close contact with Polish-speaking believers, for almost half of them Czech is not their mother tongue. We have white-collar, and blue-collar people, technicians of all kinds, military, advocates, truck and delivery drivers, and teachers ... One thing we have in common, the circle of our families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers are all non-believers.

We were away for two months and it is time to start again. For the remnant of July and August, we will stay more or less at home and continue with our project. Each time we communicate with you, I asked Pavel to attach some family pictures instead of more info about the Sleeping Czech Kingdom (compared to dynamics in America):







Filip, Samuel, Emma, Jo, Lenka, Nate

PRAISES AND PRAYER NEEDS

- Please pray for our friends and relatives. Especially for Pavel's brother Ivan.
- 2/3 of Pavel's book is translated into Polish. The next step will be to find an editor; publishing remains a matter of prayer.
- Our church has another American pastor with a desire to come here as a church planter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS, SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN OUR LIVES AND THE CZECH & SLOVAK MINISTRIES

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