



DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS

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OUR NEWS

European summer days are filled with record heat, storms and lightning. Czech language refers to summer days as the “cucumber season” since nothing happens except cucumber picking. However, there is more commotion this year than just picking up cucumbers. This might be a season of concerns along with the summer leisure and vacation time on the beaches. The European Union’s agony with Greece’s gigantic debt and its consequences for the Euro currency, mass illegal immigration from Africa and the Middle East, ISIS terrorists, which can strike anytime and anywhere. The recent tragic events in Tunisia and other countries have made travelling to favored European summer destinations like Turkey, Egypt, Albania, and the Middle East less safe. Troubles are flaring everywhere. “The good old days of cucumber season” seem to be over. The wars and rumors of wars are reality. Terrorism is spreading fear throughout Europe. People smugglers are counting their profits. Restless young men from many different countries have been trying to make it to the “promised land.” In the past immigration provided low cost labor, and the European economy was on the rise. Now during this time of economic crisis, immigration drains social systems.

The new multiculturalism breeds social antagonism, growing aggressivity, demands for entitlements and rising criminality. Citizens in the countries with generous welfare systems have practically no say. Uncontrolled mass immigration is being labeled as human rights and the EU and NGOs hand in hand are forcing sovereign states to accept quotas of refugees directed from Brussels. The UN is planning a world conference on immigration and urbanization in Prague.

VISITORS

Friends and visitors from near and far have brought much joy to our days. Once again we marvel at the great plans our Lord has for family. We met a mom and dad with four wonderful children who were great Lego fans. They had two special Lego events in Prague. The latest “arrivals” came from Phoenix, Prescott, Denver, Santa Rosa, ... These reunions as well as spending time with locals whom we have not seen for many years brought us much joy.

Much excitement was caused by the arrival of Richard Gere to the Karlovy Vary’s (Carlsbad’s) 50th Film Festival. In previous years the festival was visited by Mel Gibson, John Travolta and other celebrities. We did not provide a YouTube report this

time. Just one thought from the world of celebrities, all that is needed for successful life: “Grace of God, ambitions, and luck. Talent is only added value.” We add to this so called wisdom, there is no luck, only God’s providence for each person is what turns this world around. It is never too late to Reach Beyond and go further.

GROWING ECUMENISM, A REASON FOR PLANTING A CHURCH

The 600-year anniversary of John Hus burning at the stake for the Truth of Scripture united Catholic and many Evangelical churches. They tried to reconcile in joint celebration. For us, an event like this one is another sign of the need for a church planting effort here in Prague. The majority of Evangelicals are embracing Pope Francis’ ideas and are willingly marching back to the arms of the Catholic Church. Who knows, John Hus may very well be canonized to sainthood by the Catholic Church. Communists portrayed John Hus as a revolutionary. They made of him into the “first communist.” The false unity undermines His truth. Many evangelical churches here in CZ are shallow in Biblical teaching; therefore a lot of believers have no clue why the Reformation first started. It reminds us of the time after Russian occupation of Czechoslovakia in 1968 that led to political “normalization,” a time for all kinds of opportunists who sold their minds to communist slavery. Similarly, we now start living in era of “spiritual normalization” with much deeper consequences than physical occupation and worldly opportunism. The time for church planting built on the foundation of the Reformation, His Truth worth dying for, is here. The responsibility to stand up and change the direction is overwhelming.

ACTIVITIES THAT ONLY OUR LORD COULD PLAN

Some time ago we asked for prayers concerning church planting in Prague. The Church in Ústí agreed that they will release Jarda (read Yarda) from his main pastoral ministry to move to Prague. To do that several other ends needed to be tied together. When our Lord moves, we gasp for air. Jarda’s wife works in archives and once in a long while there is an opening in Prague. We considered recent opening as a first sign that we should move forward. She applied and before she was interviewed, a few very unusual and totally unexpected things happened. As we were coming home one of the friends in our apartment building invited us for cup of coffee. We talked about a number of things and in the casual conversation he mentioned that he was again at the zoning office and how difficult it is to get anything accomplished there. It all related to an office space in our apartment building. To make the story short, we walked out after one telephone call as buyers of about 2000 sq. ft. of great office space. This was in the matter of about one hour. Not only that, but this deal included all the office furniture, fixtures, fully equipped kitchen with dishes, etc.; all that is required is to bring in some personal things, books and computers and work can start. The layout is perfect for an office, recording studio, bible study, training and mini conference events. Shortly after this happened we rejoiced that Jarda’s wife got the job in Prague out of about 65 applicants. Their family will move to our former office, which we used for over 10 years before our workers moved to other countries. Since that time our guest room in our apartment became Pavel’s office. Every year our living space was getting smaller and the office spread out through the whole apartment. There is a chance that a part of the new space will be available for the office and part could be rented to help finance church planting ministry. This is one scenario. We are entirely opened to listen and obey our Lord and what He has on His mind. We are overwhelmed by all this. Without leaving home, without looking or

searching, without lifting a finger or doing anything, the Lord provided for the new challenges with an opportunity for furthering Czech ministry.

THERE ARE NO IDLE DAYS IN HIS MINISTRY

Our days are filled with getting used to our new office space, numerous moving transitions for Jarda's family to Prague. The place has already seen great use during this summer. Our team had a great time meeting with Geoff Volker who encouraged us greatly in church planting.

In the meantime our multifaceted ministry continues on all fronts. We endure to translate and write. Pavel started to write another book. Klara's summer programs are aired on TWR, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

New broadcasting developments in Slovakia continue to be a matter for prayers.

The newest addition to our outreach is a library of previously published theological treasures Jarda dug out from second hand book stores and idle church libraries. This ministry may become a center for further research and inspiration.

Recently we purchased some new software where any text can be transformed into book format and anyone can page in it as if they are paging in a hard copy book. Of course this can be easily used in all tablets, etc. Now take a deep breath with us and please pray as He guides our steps to glorify His name.

Thank you for standing with us, for your love, prayers, support and concerns.

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