



NOVEMBER 2015

CHURCH PLANTING PROGRESS

The fall is here, Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and we already received our first Christmas Greeting. Our “Thanks” goes to Santa Rosa Bible Church. The end of the year is approaching, and our 2016 calendar is filling up fast.

Our Wednesday’s Bible study is growing each time we meet. We have about twenty, mostly young people, and all are eager to learn. We meet in our new office that can comfortably host thirty noses.

NOVEMBER 8, 2015 THE FIRST DAY FOR “BIBLE CHURCH PRAHA”

This date is marked by several significant historical events. This is the day celebrated in some Protestant countries as a Day of Reformation. Until the 20th century it was accepted as fact that on October 31, 1517, Luther posted the Ninety-five Theses, which he had composed in Latin, on the door of the Castle Church of Wittenberg, according to university custom. Today, this day is known as the International Day of the Persecuted Church. However, for the Czechs, November 8, 1620 is the most significant—when Protestants were defeated by Catholics just about two miles from our home. This was the end of the Protestant Reformation in Bohemia (the Czech Republic is made up of Bohemia in the West and Moravia in the East). Read more:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_White_Mountain

On November 8, 2015 was Prague Bible Church's premiere Sunday service. See a minute of it on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEJ3o7Qp0ic>

The room was full to capacity, only one chair was open. We had 24 people and if we squeeze more we could add an additional 10 folding chairs. As our group grows we will need to rent a larger, centrally located space. There are number of options to think about and evaluate pro and cons – the cost of hourly rental, parking, access, etc. We came upon a place which filled almost all our needs. The cost was reasonable. However, the stench was unbearable. This was a place for young scientists and their Zoo breeding activities. If it was related to a botanical garden it would work nice-

ly. Looking for the place takes a lot of searching, planning, while all other tasks are in progress. However, we Praise the Lord for the privilege and opportunity to serve. The next, rather difficult decision pertains how to best and most economically use the office space without draining our budget. As far as we can see, the most suitable solution would be renting out one or two of our rooms to cover our operational cost. Our prayer is that the church plant will endure whatever is ahead of us.

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NEW HOLIDAY

The Good Friday was reinstated as a State holiday. Communists abolished it 65 years ago. Do you know why? During the past 25 years it was most common law under governmental discussion whether “it should be or should not be.” Year after year it was swept from the table by communists, socialists, naturalists, atheists and humanists. They were not able to do away with Baby Jesus at Christmas, Easter Good Friday, etc. Even November’s pagan Halloween is unable to replace the All Saints Day when the departed souls are commemorated. Now the wind is changing. Who would think that the danger of Islam will “spiritually” unite atheists? This is all in spite of the fact that for a number of Czech people Christianity is almost as repulsive as Islam. Their problem is that they defend their basic human right not to believe in anything. However, subconsciously they feel disadvantaged by those who “believe in something”. (NP, Doležal, September 10, 2015)

The next step may be to put back crosses to classrooms in Bavaria. This strong Catholic country had to take them down since it was offending Muslim students.

CURRENT MIGRATION SITUATION

There is hardly a day when we do not hear and see how the migrant crises affect the European Union. The civil war in Syria has stretched on for five years; at present time there are almost two million Syrian refugees living in Turkey. Among them are no Christians. For a while we could think that this is a humanitarian crisis. People-smuggling in Turkey is a well-organized business. Daily thousands of migrants pay their way to get on the rubber boat to European shore. The recent pro-Islamic outcome of the Turkish presidential election is something to be concerned about as well. Islamists have now the trump cards in their hands. Millions of Turks are living in Germany and two more million Islamists are ready to invade the European social system. The recent flood of migrants is rather nothing short of invasion of young male Muslims. This is one method to conquer the whole continent without tanks, planes and military power. Local defenses consist of a few soldiers, police and firemen. Those who are already living in Europe are boasting that they will conquer Europe with the wombs of their women. With their fertility rate and no children in the West it will take one generation.

The politically correct humanistic multicultural religion of the Euro Union (especially Germany) opened the gates to all Syrians. The results of the German “Wel-

comeculture" are that by the end of this year they will have 1.5 million migrants in their country. Generous social programs and respect to their religious practices are an irresistible temptation to seize the opportunity. Not all of the migrants are people endangered by the war in the areas where everyone is in the battle with everyone else. It is only matter of time until European culture and democracy will turn into "dhimmicracy". People of the Koran will establish totalitarian rules similar to those which came to Iran after one regime was replaced by Ayatollah Khomeini. According Sharia law, all non-Muslims are obliged to pay "dhimmi tax", called "dzizia." It appears as if the Euro Union is ready to commit collective suicide.

The German newspaper Die Welt (The World) quoted the German secret service analysis declaring the integration of hundred thousands of illegal immigrants is impossible due to their number and already existing parallel society. The document is critical to the fact that Germany is importing Islamic extremism, Arabic anti-Semitism, ethnic conflicts and different views on law and order in society. Authorities will not be able to guarantee safety and enforce the law.

This means that lack of will to handle critical situation creates chaos at the borders and violence at the camps. So far the Euro Union does not guard its borders and has no real plan to handle the whole situation except to distribute immigrants by quotas to Euro Union members. Belgium, Sweden, Holland, France, and Britain are willing to take some in. Those who are not willing to open their gates will be forced to comply. The resettlement agencies in America and Canada are willing to accept some of them in spite of the fact that the majority of refugees from the Middle East are perpetually on food stamps.

Most of the migrants come from Afghanistan, Iraq, Bangladesh, Pakistan and other Islamic countries as well as Balkan countries (Kosovo, Serbia, Albania, Bosnia, Macedonia), numerous African countries (Algeria, Eritrea, Nigeria, Somalia, Mali, Congo, Senegal ...). They are jumping on the band wagon of this crisis. The countries which are in their path are overwhelmed by their numbers. Once they are in the Euro Union, even if they do not get asylum, no one will get them out. It is not hard to imagine what is ahead of us. One scenario may be the same violence as in the Middle East. The ethnic civil war in Yugoslavia was just a prelude to what may eventually flare in Europe. Austria, Slovenia and Bavaria are the next countries whispering that they might build some kind of fence to have some control over who is coming. Politically correct violent behaviors of migrants are called dynamic. The future of Europe is bleak. The next step beyond the post-Christian era is a post-Western era leading to post-tolerance clashes amongst civilization.

With new Russian involvement in Syria more refugees are on the move. Small countries on the outskirts of Schengen, like Hungary, are building fences. The flow will not stop until the Euro Union starts guarding their outer borders. The humanistic cult of open society without borders has already backfired. Hungary was the first country that built the fence. Just to illustrate this, take a look at what happened on the border between Hungary and Serbia:

http://video.dailymail.co.uk/video/bc/rtpm_uds/1418450360/2015/09/16/1418450360_4489389980001_4489291822001.mp4

The Czech government sent a special plane to Jordan to bring in 15 Syrian families with sick children to provide them with safety and medical care. Out of 15 families only 3 boarded the plane; one of the families demanded that they want to fly only to the United States. Out of those three families in Czech Republic one has already disappeared incognito to Germany with a sick child.

PERSONAL EVENTS

Most of the events related to all moves are more or less done. We had to paint the office space, to move and paint two apartments and do some minor repairs. We just need some helping hands to organize a few things which popped up with the commotion.

Facebook explanation: Since I (Klara) signed up to keep in touch with immediate family I am getting numerous invitations to join the group. Since we are so busy, I do not accept any invitations because just opening up all the invites would take me a half of a day. This does not mean in any way that I do not care. I keep in touch with friends and supporters by Prayer letters, e-mail or Skype.

Klara just finished her proofreading of MacArthur's book "Slave." Once again she realized how difficult it is to find a good translator familiar with Christian terms and deeper understanding of theology. Basically, she had to retranslate the whole book. As she was checking a Czech translation page by page and sentence by sentence against the English original she had to make many changes. After this step it will go to the editor and in the meantime we pray that funds for publishing and the publishing rights will reach us.

VISITORS

During October/November we hosted visitors from Toronto and Spokane to celebrate Thanksgiving with their daughter Ani, our newlywed addition. She is already teaching English and Spanish at language school.

PRAYER NEEDS

October was the first time in the past 25 years when ministry contributions were almost equal with mandatory expenses (health insurance, administrative deduction, payroll expenses). On the other hand, expenses for church planting became our commitment.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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