



MARCH 2016

CHURCH PLANTING

Time is speeding by and we can see changes and progress in our church plant undertaking. As we mentioned before, our recently planted “Biblická církev Praha” (Bible Church Prague – BCP; <http://www.krestanepraha.cz/>) is a joint ministry with two other independent Churches: “Biblické společenství k es an” (Bible Christian Assembly – BCA; <http://www.cirkevusti.cz/>) in Ústí and “Biblický sbor k es an” (Bible Christian Body – BCB; <http://www.bskk.cz/>) in Kladno. Pavel was involved in preaching in these Churches in the past. Our closest cooperation is with BCA in Ústí where our first pastor, Jarda Kernal came from. With BCB in Kladno we pray and cooperate in conferences and Summer English Camps. This Church is related to “Christ Our Hope Bible Church” in Spokane, WA. We have known each other for years and keep in close touch. At the present time among these three churches, we have two full time pastors and at least five elders able to teach and preach. Thus, once a month each Church can have a guest speaker. Cooperation and networking with such Bible and Christ-anchored Churches gives us confidence that our efforts are not in vain. All of those churches are small, but together we can move mountains.

Each Sunday we can see bonding and people welcoming visitors and newcomers warmly. In mid-March we will have a joint service of these three churches. We expect visitors from other churches; and some out of town visitors plan to join us. Last Sunday we had the first social event and we filled the space to capacity. To accommodate all we had to move some furniture around. We praise the Lord that we had a great opportunity for conversation and discussions.

ANOTHER CHURCH WE COOPERATE WITH

There is another Church worth mentioning: “BJB Kroměříž” (Brotherly Association of Baptists – <http://www.krestanekromeriz.cz/>) in Kroměříž. We are cooperating with it in organizing conferences. We, BCP in Prague and BCA in Ústí, conduct a January theological conference; the BJB Kroměříž, under the associate pastor Dr Lance Roberts (Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, CA), conducts June conferences. The main speaker in this Summer Pastoral Conference will be again Dr. Steve Lawson. Another project from this ministry was recently completed. It is described as follows:

There are very few things you can invest in financially that will bear fruit for generations to come. Investing in the publication of a Bible commentary is one of those things. With the age of digitization, once a work is published, it can always be made available. In

December, we finished publishing a Bible commentary on the entire Bible. The Old Testament MacArthur Bible commentary was published.

On the other hand, a translation of John MacArthur's book "Slave" into the Czech language is almost done. As soon as we can obtain publishing rights and gather together funds, it can be published. Lance is working on an invitation for John MacArthur to visit to the Czech Republic next year. You can join us in praying for this.

JARDA'S REPORT ON BIBLE CHURCH PRAGUE

We meet every Wednesday for Bible study. Out of about 15 individuals, we average about 10 people. Those are mostly believers from other churches coming to get biblical teaching. Among them are also unchurched people or student seekers. For one of the unchurched ladies, we are the only Christian fellowship she has. Her husband does not allow her to come to Sunday worship.

The Sunday group is different. There are about 10 people who regularly attend the worship on Sundays, and approximately 15 others who come irregularly. In total, there are about 25 people with whom we work regularly. The majority of these people have only been Christians a few years, and they bring a wide variety of experiences from mostly liberal churches. None of them have previously attended a church where the Bible was being interpreted. They are confused about many things, particularly how to apply God's Word to their lives. This is one of the reasons why this work has been so intense. We need to pray and diligently work so that our God would bring together and build a real Church. Every week I meet with a number of individuals and have been counselling a married couple (who were married in the fall) and another couple who are planning to be married this summer. I get together regularly with two young men (Honza and Artyom) who have a great desire to serve and are both already serving.

Karel, a man who is not yet a Christian, has been coming to church since the beginning. He regularly attends and is listening to God's word. Pray for him, that God would work in His heart in the same way that He worked in the heart of Lydia (Acts 16:14).

Two weeks ago a student named Vladimir came to the Church and claimed that he now believes in Christ; however, he's confused a lot. He does have a strong desire to study God's Word and to know God. Please pray that his belief in Christ is authentic, and if it is not, pray that he would see clearly that he still needs to come to a saving faith. Pray that he would begin growing in Christ and find in our church a spiritual home.

ANSWERS TO PRAYERS

- *We have a place for the first joint service of our three Churches – the English speaking "Faith Community Church" meets at Dejvice Train Station. It will allow us to share their facility for this one.*

PRAYER NEEDS

- *Please pray for all of us. With so many opportunities for radio, publishing and Church ministries, it is not easy to keep balance between ministry and time to rest.*
- *Spiritual growth and growth in numbers and that we will become a self-sustaining body of believers in the near future.*
- *If we exceed capacity for Sunday services, we will have to look for larger place to rent. It is hard to imagine how we could afford it however, we know that He is a*

mighty God, so if that happens we will be able to. At this time we claim His promise: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. (Jeremiah 33:3)

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