

 Dear Saints,

I realize it's been far too long without an update from us, and far too many things have gone on to share them all. For now, please pray over the following items and I'll seek to be more faithful in keeping you up to date as to the way the Lord is glorifying Himself here in the Czech Republic.

There have been some rather heart-breaking events and yet these have led to even greater unity and I believe even greater purity. Those who are with us truly long to grow and serve Christ and in this way the body here has become even a greater joy to us. The young single mom, Alex, who repented this summer and was making great strides in the faith, has abandoned Christ. She was on fire, seeking Christ, sharing her faith, and ministering to the saints. The man she was previously with, who told her he would never marry her or accept her child as his own, finally came back around and was, sadly, able to win back her heart and destroy her faith. We have been in fervent prayer for her and ask that you would be too.

Another family who has been in and out of the church for many years is out again. Our hearts are saddened on the one hand, but thankful on the other, as the members of the church were constantly pouring into this family but seeing little if anything reciprocated in love. Pray for them as they have left our church to find a church that believes and practices the gift of healing.

Eva, a single collegiate woman, is studying abroad in Italy for the next six months. She has been keeping us well informed of her time there and it's a joy to see how she is seeking Christ first and seeking to share her joy with others. Pray the Lord would protect her from the many temptation around her and that she would continue to abide and daily seek God's face (Ps 27:8).

In November I had a long meeting with Milan and Martha Shoban. The last 1.5 hours regarded Milan's need to lead in the home. I had already spoken with him about this but there had been little, if any, change. Martha was in need of her husband's leadership as was evident in many ways and the conversation revealed the great stagnancy and loveless-ness in their relationship. By the grace of God the turn around and obedience has been drastic and the effects have been as well. They are daily spending time together in the word and prayer. Martha has been radiating joy over their new Christ-centered relationship and Milan has been wondering why it took so long now that he's been seeing the joy and benefits. Please keep praying for them as there are many issues regarding their extended family, many, almost all, of who are in pressing financial situations.

Other joys have included God's provision of a new meeting place. Last June we were forced to leave our office as our rent was doubled. We had been blessed to have our own office space where we could meet at all hours of the day, but now found ourselves renting a room for a few hours on Sunday. Two weeks ago we began renting a new office space. The intervening time of not having our own space has made us all the more grateful for the Lord's provision and shown us the blessing of having a place we can gather at all hours to fellowship, pray and study the Scriptures.

Appreciate your prayer for the Novotni family, Alesh, Eva, and their three children. The church in which they had been serving and ministering in (40 min from us) had become more and more ecumenical, to the point of doing ministry with the Catholic church and sitting under some of its teachers. By God's

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grace the Novotni family has decided to spend the next 6 months or so fellowshiping and serving with us. They are a godly family and a great joy to have. Please pray as they seek the Lord will. Their options are to stay with us long term, or to help in a church plant that will start up this summer. Seeing that the plant will be in Alesh's home town where his parents still live and that he would be ministering again with his old friends from a previous church they planted many years ago, it is likely they will only be with us for a brief time. They would of course be a massive blessing to us if they stayed, but we want the Lord's best for them as well.

Please pray for an upcoming conference taking place this weekend (Jan 19th). Daniel Adamovsky will be one of the eight men preaching, along with Jarda Kernal and Lance Roberts another missionary some of you may know. It's a key time to meet and fellowship with other like-minded churches and to be reminded again that the Lord is working in many pockets throughout this desperate land.

A final few requests would be the renewal of our visas (a yearly process), Czech language learning, as well as the numerous people who have heard the Gospel but keep Christ at bay. Please continue to pray for Pavlina, whom I have often mentioned. She still seems to be close, but it must be the work of the Lord. Please also pray for a man named Ota who showed much conviction for a few weeks and then quickly cut off all contact.

Thank you over and over for your faithful prayers. God is answering.

In Christ,

Marcus and Amie Denny

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