



Czech Update

English Camp 2013



Dear Saints,

With joy we write to thank you and give you opportunity to bless the Lord with us. Christ continues to slowly but surely transform the lives of sinners and to build up His Church here in Czech. English camps persist to be a crucial means to disseminating the Gospel, providing eight days with unbelievers to preach Christ and model His love and holiness. The theme this year was "Upside down". We began with creation, taught the fall and showed how the curse has touched everything, with special emphasis upon the relationship between man and woman. It all, of course, culminates in the power of Christ to save and set life back on its feet.

The Lord gave abundant grace as we spoke of how the first sin was not only in the garden, but

in the confines of marriage. We preached with tears showing how Adam stood behind his wife, using her as a human shield to save himself when God confronted him, but how Christ became the human shield between us and the wrath of God to save us. We plead for the men to see that the humble Christ is the man all men need and should follow, and to the women we plead for them to look for salvation and satisfaction in Jesus Christ, the greatest of all men. We had many conversations, many of them heartbreaking, as we heard of the consequences of Adam's disastrous decision in the lives of the Czechs. Through these opportunities abundant seeds were planted, and as the sower sows the word, now we wait and pray. We urge you to continue in your prayers for the souls of the unbelieving. We are convinced

more and more each summer that it is not the power of the preaching, though God gives power, it is not the persuasiveness of our preaching, though God gives us tears to plead. It is not even the love manifest in 10,000 different ways by all the saints here, though it is! The need here is of the Holy Spirit to call and convert, to open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light. Keep praying.

Crucial to the summer ministry are the summer teams. We were greatly blessed by two teams, one from Cornerstone Bible Church in Southern California and another from Christ our Hope Bible church, Spokane, Wa. We bless the Lord for these churches and for the diligent and faithful work of the teams every summer and especially this one.

We also want to give a special thanks to Joshua Smith who came "home" for the summer to serve. Joshua grew up in Czech, and at the church here. He was a massive blessing



to me, the summer teams and the entire church. There are many who want to serve by leading, but Joshua truly leads by serving. Please pray for the future of this young man as he seeks to determine God's will for his life.



Left: COH and CBC church teams
Right: Joshua Smith translating for Pastor Jarda K.



We wrote to you a year ago regarding a young single mother named Alexandra. Eva Fejerová and Daniel Adamovský first met her three year ago while at the baptism of a mutual friend. Eva had a great opportunity to share the Gospel with Alex, but afterwards we heard about her only occasionally until around Easter 2012. We invited her and her young son to Easter



dinner where we discussed the Word of God for much of the day. A couple months later she and her boyfriend came to church and later in the summer she came to our English camp with her life in ruins. She had just lost her job and her boyfriend left her. At the camp Alex readily accepted the truths about Christ and said that she truly wanted to follow Him.



This commitment was met with an eager attitude in the following months as she sought to be faithful and seemed to soak up God's word like a sponge. But something was going on behind the scenes. The boyfriend came back into the picture. He wanted her back, was thinking of marriage and even of adopting her 6 year old son. While we know of God's faithfulness and provision during temptation, (1 Cor 10:13), due to lack of true saving faith and/or blatant disobedience, Alex's spiritual

hunger and faithfulness began dying. It all came to a sad end around Christmas when Alex sent me an email saying that she had chosen to go back to her old boyfriend and that she would no longer be fellowshipping with the church. She remarked that she still believed in God but that she would rather risk damnation or than go on without her boyfriend. During this time the church grieved and committed to faithfully praying for God to do whatever was necessary to bring Alex to repentance. We at BSKK have taken to a new practice, that is every Sunday after the service and after a brief break, we gather together in a circle and spend upwards of an hour in corporate prayer. It was so encouraging to see the love and faithfulness of our members as not a Sunday went by without lifting up intercessions for Alex and for her son. Fast-forward to this summer. Mid-week at English camp when I was taking a break with my Bible and a cup of coffee, Marcus found me. He said that I would never believe it but that our Alex had just showed up and was crying and wanted to see me! I was flabbergasted! I ran downstairs and sure enough there she stood with tears in her eyes and her little son by her side. We embraced and went to a quiet room where she confessed her disobedience and rejoiced in God's faithful discipline. In brokenness she confessed that she would never again seek her own way but rather submit to Christ's loving rule. We then read from Luke 15, regarding the Prodigal Son and Hebrews 12 concerning the Lord's discipline. There was so much rejoicing in seeing such direct answers to our prayers and

renewed hope as we see God at work in the life of this young woman. Alex was baptized this past Sunday. Please rejoice with us and join in praying for this young woman, that her life would bear much fruit and that she and her young son would be greatly used of God ~Amie

Czech Pastor Focus

Zdeněk Karásek fled Cecheslovakia in 1987 two years before communism fell. It was in Germany that this staunch Atheist had his worldview confronted and destroyed through wisdom of God. After his conversion he married Nicola, his university English teacher who first shared Christ with him, and immediately they developed a longing to reach Zdeněk's homeland for Christ. Working as an engineer during the week, they crossed the boarder nearly every weekend for a number of years to evangelize the Czechs. During these years the Karásek family handed out 900,000 tracts, received 35,000 contact responses and had hundreds of conversations about Christ. This seeming fruitfulness lead them to abandon everything in Germany in 1998 and move their family back to Czech. But the reality of what they were in for was just beginning.



Having spent hundreds of hours evangelizing they were convinced a great harvest was coming to Czech. They purchased an old building, spent much time and money renovating and even invited a well known British apologist to preach at their inaugural service. They advertised throughout the city.



Zdeněk finished renovating the building the very day of the service. That day, two unbelievers came.

Fifteen years later, after years of faithfulness, their church is around fifteen including their four sons. Zdeněk is a gifted preacher. Their family is a loving family. Apart from their adopted stepdaughter whom they rescued from the streets and a young neighborhood man who is now faithfully following Christ, the Karáskovi have seen little fruit. But they possess the true missionary spirit, year after year, pressing on, serving, preaching, loving, and praying.

Please join us in praying for this precious family, that the Lord would sustain and encourage them. Pray specifically for a former student of Nicola, Zdeněk's wife, whose husband took his own life last week. They had been sharing the Gospel with them for some time. Pray for wisdom and open doors during this heartbreaking yet crucial time.



BSKK LEADERSHIP

I mentioned the Novotni family in a previous update. They

have decided to make BSKK their home church and continue to serve in many ways including Aleš preaching more frequently. Along with Daniel Adamovský there is solid leadership in the church. We recently began meeting regularly, studying through 1 Timothy, spending good time in prayer and then working on the church. We are not officially calling this group *eldership*, but that is certainly the goal. There is of course much work to be done both in formulating official leadership as well as the increasing need of equipping here in Kladno as the number of new believers increases along with a number of transfers from various church backgrounds. I would ask you to pray for me, that I would have wisdom in discipling these

men and preparing them for what the Lord seems to be leading us towards. Pray that the Spirit would continue to confirm these two men both in both life and doctrine that hands would not be laid upon them too early, and that in time, they would prove to be godly, faithful elders to help establish the church and raise up the next generation.



Aleš and family

PRAISES AND REQUESTS



- The Lord was gracious in having our Czech Visas renewed for another year. We'll be renewing again in January.
- Prayer for this coming year. It will be the most challenging yet with language, preaching, equipping, monthly bible school teaching three hours away, men's/women's meetings etc.
- Wisdom as all three girls will be in public school this year. Many challenges have already arisen, but the Lord has provided grace, wisdom and help.

Thank you again for your prayers on our behalf. We indeed walk by faith and not by sight and there is no other explanation for the ways God is working here except for His gracious response to your prayers on our behalf and on behalf of so many others.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all,
Marcus and Amie