

The Means to Get To the



the Gospel Czech People

Visa

Unfortunately, there is no news from the Czech government about our visas. However, in this instance, no news is not good news. We do not know what they consider to be the end of our school calendar. We do not have 90 days left until the 1st retest, if we fail the first test, but if they count the date of the 2nd resit, then we have time left. They will not approve a long-term visa for less than 90 days even if it was applied for months before. So, if they put it off, then they can just deny it without a reason. We are praying for the approval, but hope is getting low. We are moving forward with the next visa application already though. We are waiting to hear back on Lisa's application to the university to get a degree in teaching English to Czechs. This will not only give us a way to stay in the country, but avenues of ministry in the future. If we get the current visa first, then we will be able to stay in the country on a continuing visa, but if we do not get the visa, then we will need to head out of the country again. Makayla has to be in the country in May for her AP tests and a speech that she gives at the end of the year. So, that means that if we don't get our visas, we will have to plan time to leave that will enable us to return with the 90 days in country we are allowed out of 180.

When I started writing this letter, we had not made any plans on what we would do. However, we decided that we needed to be proactive. I told Lisa that if I was advising someone else, that I would tell them that planning is not a lack of faith. Yet making plans for what to do if we do not get the visa felt like a lack of faith to me. So, we did the math and found out that we are only a week shy of being able to stay for all of Makayla's in-person school needs. For Easter, she has all of the week off of school and so we thought about heading out of the EU for the week so that we will be able to stay for the rest of her school year. However, we were just getting road blocks and both of us felt that this "good idea" was us trying to push through rather than doors that God was opening. So, we still need wisdom on when to leave. We are eyeing the last week of April currently because we have things on the calendar for other weeks. We are also looking for wisdom on what to do if we need to leave the country for another 90 days and we are checking different places for what would be best.

I would like to thank everyone that has been praying for us through this situation and to those who helped us with the unexpected travel expenses.

What Do We Do With Our Time?

My normal day consists of leaving for school at 8, class from 8:30 to 12:00, coming home for lunch and studying. We get out into the community for events to learn the culture and to be where Czechs are. If I have free time then I am trying to work on producing the videos for outreach. My ambitions of producing weekly videos have been crushed by the reality of the time that they are taking to produce. However, I was convicted of my need to do it and so I am not backing down. It is just going to be closer to the scale of 1 every month and a half or so. We are still doing English Evenings, and from a series about the most common misconceptions people have about Christianity, I gave a lesson about whether or not good people go to Heaven. Even those who claimed to be christian there seemed surprised to hear that going to Heaven has nothing to do with what you do, and everything to do with accepting God's forgiveness. No decisions were made, but it seems that there was at least a greater understanding. I gave a lesson this week on the reality of the resurrection, but only one person came since kids are out on school holiday and a lot of families are busy.

We have also been able to get closer with our classmates and have been having them over for dinners on Saturdays. We are trying to take the opportunities to reach those who God has put in front of us. Finally, the weather is getting good, and people are getting out and about again. I have been planning on doing an outreach in the city center. I would appreciate prayers for wisdom on the when, where, and how.

Prayer Requests

- * Steele's medical treatment
- * Visas process
- * Outreach Efforts
- * Salvation of Igor, Ivana, Helena, and Marek

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