The Means to Get To the



the Gospel Czech People

Visa
We still are just waiting to hear back from the Czech government on the visas.

Ministry
I returned to Kynšperk for the conclusion of the witnessing workshop. This was the place that had a man try to fight us. This time there was no incidents to report, and bad weather made it difficult to have any detailed conversations with anyone. I did have a long conversation with the son of a woman in the course who has rejected God. His point of view was that an individual's lived experience is all that matters and he was not even willing to talk about reality beyond his personal perception. It was interesting, and I wish that I could tell you that he repented, but he did not. We parted amicably and I hope that God will continue to show him that he is not in the place of God.

I also returned to Vsetín, but this time for training in a class for children on what the Gospel is and how to talk with others about it. All of this is only in Czech and I am really of limited use at this point, but it is good to be out with Czechs. These trainings are more help to me in improving my language skills than doing lessons. So, they serve a double benefit!

In Brno, where we live, we go out on Thursday afternoons and witness, then head up to a suburb called Bystrc for the English Evenings. There was a group that we met and had a rather long conversation with. They respectfully listened to the Gospel, and afterward we had a longer conversation about the existence of Truth. They too were unwilling to admit that there has to be some objective truth (according to one lady even the sun may just exist because people invented it?!) and they could not even agree that when I think one thing is true and they think the opposite that we cannot both be right. I tried multiple tactics to get to this point with them, and once one of the girls started to make a claim about reality and stopped herself because she realized that it was contradictory to her position It is always amazing to me the mental gymnastics that people will go through in order to not admit that there is right and wrong. I am convinced that this is because they want to decide everything for themselves and not have One who is the Creator and Judge of right and wrong who they need to answer to. Unfortunately, this is even more common here than it is in the States.

Home Front
Steele had his surgery, and Lisa is there helping him through the recovery. The surgery was without any complications and it will be a while before the swelling goes down enough to find out if the surgery will really help him with his problems.

Turkey Trip
The trip to Turkey was busy, and at the same time, not. Turkish culture is different from the Western mindset of strict rules about time and schedules. It flows more and compartmentalizes less. We spent time in two cities, Bergama (in the Bible Pergama, one of the sites of the 7 churches of Asia minor) and Izmir. In Bergama we gave a talk in the local trade school about understanding people from other cultures and invited people to meet with us later. There used to be a church there, but it has closed down, so there was nobody there that we could leave the students we talked with to further their understanding. There were 3 students that we spent a lot of time with and had good conversations with. Two are atheists, and one a Muslim. From the church that was there, only one believer remains in Bergama and we spent time with him; trying to encourage him in his walk with the Lord.

In Izmir, we worked with a pastor who broke away from the Baptist Union and is an independent Baptist church. He requested that we give his church a seminar on Baptist history, and so I gave a very hurried 2 ½ hour presentation through an interpreter. We also put on a Western Culture and Game Night and had some people from the community and some of the students from Bergama show up. Then, on Sunday, 6 Turks came to services who were not able to make it to the game night and listened to my preaching and heard the Gospel. Overall, it was a great trip and we hope to be able to continue the partnership with this new church for future trips.

Prayer Requests
* Steele's medical treatment
* Visas process
* Outreach Efforts
* Salvation of Ivana, Helena, Marek, Honza, and Jan

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