

The Means to Get To the



the Gospel Czech People

Visa

Our visa saga continues. At our appointment on the 9th of September, they told us that the paperwork that we added was good, but now had a problem with our translations that were done by the same company that they accepted before and apparently the money that needed to be shown in the bank account according to the visa website is wrong and we now did not have enough funds. So, we had to get another appointment. The soonest available appointment was for October 1st. We had a court certified Czech translator redo the translations and transferred money again into our account and this time they accepted the application. Now we wait for the Czech Ministry of the Interior to look at it. They have 3 months, but were told that it might take longer. We are praying for a much faster process but are faced with having to plan where we will head to if we need to leave the country again after our 90 days is up. We are praying about where we should go if it is necessary, but it will likely either be to Macedonia or to America depending on if I have already been scheduled for the interview first or not. I will need to go to the embassy in Macedonia for the interview, and then, if we are approved, we would go back there again to get the visas. Paying for the flights to America does not make sense if I need to go to Skopje twice, but it might be cheaper to go to America than to pay for accommodations in Skopje if we are just waiting a short time to hear if we get approved.

Witnessing

I had an interesting experience in a village. We went out witnessing one day and talked with a few people about the Gospel. One older lady was rather upset about her son who had died and the choices that her other children were making. The next day, I was out with a different group of people and saw her again. We decided to go and say, 'hi' to her and were talking with her when I saw a man come from the neighborhood across the street and walk right up to us and start yelling at us to leave his mother alone. He told us that we were just trying to get money from her and acted like he was going to fight us. We were able to stay calm and not allow the situation to escalate and everyone walked away peacefully, but unfortunately the woman we were talking with was crying over the behavior of her son.

This was just a couple of days after having to get between a young man that was trying to force a young lady to kiss him in the train station. While incidents like these are not common in the Czech Republic, they are much more common with the Roma. I mention this because we had been praying about going to the Roma neighborhood in Brno to try and start a ministry there because the other Czechs see them as beneath them and would not go to them. So, just after deciding that we are going to purposefully reach out to them, the Devil seems to be trying to dissuade us from going. Or maybe God is making sure that we know what we are in for. Either way, it is just highlighting to me the great difference that Christ could make with them.

Home Front

Steele's testing for Chiari malformation has shown that he not only has it, but the doctors found his case urgent. Instead of taking months to be seen by a specialist, he was seen based on his MRI almost immediately and will be having surgery October 14th. The recovery for this is 2 weeks of full time care with 4 – 6 weeks of recovery after. Lisa will be traveling back to Colorado on the 5th to care for him.

Turkey Trip

October 17-26 I will be taking a trip to Izmir, Turkey. There is a Baptist church plant there that we are going to help. There is a Turkish Alliance of Baptist Churches, but the church plants that were sent out through them stopped receiving money that was given for them. So, they have started Independent Baptists Churches. The pastor has asked us to teach the church on Baptist history and we will also do English and Western Cultural outreaches to try to engage the community. Please pray for our trip.

Prayer Requests

- * Steele's medical treatment
- * Visas process
- * Outreach Efforts
- * Salvation of Ivana, Helena, Marek, Honza and Jan
- * Turkey Trip Oct 17-26

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