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# Hopeful Future!

*Supporting & Equipping Czech Missionaries to bring Gospel to schools* 

Winter 2016/2017



Army of Christian speakers for public schools Superior

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Joel 2:28

Dear friends,

I would like to share with you some surprising and joyful news.

It is mid-November, and I'm sitting in my office getting ready for the third Daniel weekend in the Czech Republic. I am really looking forward to it because the great Czech team led by Láďa Hanuš is well prepared to make it all happen! Again, another dream comes true. In 2014, I wrote a dream in my diary to invest a part of my work until 2017 outside the Czech Republic in Slovakia or Ukraine. At the Daniel weekend I met with a group of four Slovaks, who are interested in working with me, and we have been talking about what to do for the Slovak Christian teachers and lecturers, including the lecturing academy and such. In October, F-Foundation supported the first two Slovak teachers and opened the possibility of applying for a grant to support work in schools in

## Third Czech Daniel weekend

the Slovak Republic. Although it is still before the deadline, it looks like another 15 lecturers from Slovakia could be supported as well. It's amazing that God gave the resources and this work may be extended to the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

We truly need to dream big dreams and to look back and praise God. We have a lot for which to be thankful to God! Our girls live happily in Brno. Nela is doing well studying architecture in her third year, and Miriam is finishing her one-year iob as an assistant in a Rome school, where she garnered her first teaching experience. She is stepping into the final semester that ends her master's degree program in teaching English and music. A part of the summer that we spent together with Miriam at the Daniel Leadership Institute greatly enriched our spiritual life and teaching practice. Several educational programs for Christian teachers and tutors could take place this year. We could obtain accreditation of the Ministry of Education and equip Christians to bring spiritual influence into the public schools. I am especially happy for 50 schools that have been adopted by Christians for prayer through the website www.adoptujskolu. cz and now they regularly pray and receive weekly email inspiration for the prayers.



Dreaming at Split Rock Lighthouse, Lake

#### A born-again nursery

Nada has been happily working part-time in a nursery for two years. The nursery has gone through several "earthquakes" in the past year. The sweetest is that the director of the nursery, our long-time friend, came to a significant breakthrough in her journey of faith: she was baptized, follows Christ and wants the nursery to become a Christian nursery. The staff has changed; Christians increased but the number of children dangerously shrunk





and the founder decided to terminate the running of the nursery from his side. The difficult question resulted in a major step of faith by searching for a new founder. The nursery continues to run in safe mode and will be transformed into a new format. It could be the first Christian nursery in Ostrava! Putting together all these pieces is like stepping out onto the water, and relying on God's miracles. I am very glad that Nada, side by side with the director Kamila, bravely stands and helps as much as she can.

#### Health

Since 5/12, I have been an oncological patient - radiation treatment or chemotherapy is not required, I am just supervised - praise the Lord. In mid-November, I visited a urologist, then a day later I had an operation, where they removed the tumor. It was selanom, which belongs to the less aggressive, fast-growing malignant tumors. Within 5 years it returns in 20% of the cases, but those are just statistics. The CT scan didn't show

any metastasis, so I am doing very well at the moment. I am currently struggling with reducing my work load, but I'm making steps toward doing that, and should continue to do so for a few months. Another scan should be in February. Together with Nada, it got us more on our knees, which is very good. We experience peace and confidence in God's provision and providence.

Prayer Requests:

- For the birth of the new Christian nursery in Ostrava Strengthening the F-Foundation team with the right person for the field of slovakia - interviews are being done with Denisa Mouchová, former director of the slovak ACET
- For health and healthy workload and lifestyle In 2017, 400 schools could be adopted by Christians For the formation of a new interactive book about John
- Amos Comenius and the following programs for schools  $\cdot$  So that KAM can obtain certification of the Ministry of
- Education for prevention programs in schools For searching church and personal opportunities to build relationships with people and share the gospel

# 2016 Ministry Highlights:

- 220 educators equipped through two conferences
- 29 Czech and two slovak Christian speakers for public schools with financial support of foundation
- · 55 educators transformed on two Daniel weekends
- 500 Czech Christian educators served

Thank you for sharing my experiences with me. Thank you for your prayer, financial support and cooperation! I look forward to hearing from you.

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For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11 ESV)

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