

## OCTOBER 2021 DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS OF THE REACH BEYOND MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAKIA

Beautiful colorful autumn illuminates our days. Many things have changed since the last prayer report. We are happy to let you all know that our search for a new home church Has come to an end.

As of now, we are settled in Kladno. Our goal was to become part of the local church in Prague. That did not happen. Kladno we have known for about 25 years. It was started by US missionaries from Spokane, Washington. Pavel used to fill in while they were back on Home ministry in the States.

The church planting family returned to the States about 10 years ago for their children's education. In the meantime, they graduated from college and two of them, now married, recently came back with their spouses to live, work, and serve in Kladno. Half of the team is fluent in Czech.

The first family was replaced by another couple from the same church in Spokane. After living and serving here for the past 10 years, they plan to stay here indefinitely and get Czech citizenship. Their 3 teens attend local schools and plan to attend college here. It's wonderful to see the rising generation fully integrated and ready to live and serve in the country where they grew up.

The church has local elders able to preach, teach and lead. All of them are strong in prayer time and Bible teaching. Fellowship is warm and cordial. On top of that, about 12 people from the church we left are

attending Kladno. Some of them have quite a distance to drive. PTL we feel like home.

We have one more item of good news to share. After the recent elections, neither the communists nor the social democrats have survived. Finally, 30 years after the fall of communism, they are not represented in the government.

This does not mean that everything in our little "Czech kingdom" is doing so well. Daily we are bombarded with bad news about the COVID situation. The push for mandatory vaccination, the third dose, vaccination of children, the growing number of positive tests, and people in critical condition raises doubts and questions about what is going on. Prague is full of tourists.

## **PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Pavel is translating his book into the German language. This means brushing up his German skills. With help from the marvelous tool translator, the project moves forward. German-speaking friends are encouraging and helping along.
- Our ideas and plans are unending. We have several other writing and translating projects in process.
- Before year-end, we have several invitations to attend or minister in different parts of the country. One was very urgent – come to speak to seminary students, they do not have anyone of your age to be a role model and encourage them. What a privilege.
- We wish everyone a joyful fall and family reunions.

Thank you for your prayers, Support and participation In our life and the Czech & Slovak ministry

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