

ŠUMBARK SIGHTINGS & STORIES

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Home Service 2018

Join me this fall as I visit the United States to share more about what God is doing here in Central Europe. A detailed schedule is coming. But, if you are interested in hosting me in your area, send me an email to inquire about the possibility. I am still seeking more opportunities to share with a congregation, a Bible study, a group of friends or any other combination of people.
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Hello Different

Daylight until 10:00 pm, the smell of burning wood, irregular schedules and short sleeves all point to the beginning of summer. School lessons vary day to day as exit exams take place. New activities draw the attention of community members. Yet, every interaction and gathering provides another opportunity to share Christ crucified. As we transition to summer camps, picnics and outdoor activities, our focus remains on Jesus Christ and the life we have through Him. ETG (English Talk Group) now takes a break for the next few months. English camps begin. Other outreach activities seek to

reach new groups of people. But, even in the change and different, our great God and His love remain the same. May His kingdom come and will be done in all things throughout the summer.



Waving goodbye to school and hello to summer at our last ETG of the semester.



Connecting various groups to the church through baseball and grilling, the youth group in Albrechtice hosted an evening of sport and food.



Bowling during the school day with third year high school students. The last weeks of school allow for interactions outside of the traditional classroom.

Serve with LCMS

There are many opportunities to serve as a short-term or GEO missionary. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

Thanksgiving and Prayer Requests

Join me in giving thanks to God for:

- Unique opportunities to connect with students and individuals (such as through bowling and baseball).
- The Rohlfings listening to His calling to serve as international missionaries.
- The home service locations He has already provided to share what He is doing here in Central Europe.
- Over 10 English Bible Camps happening in the Czech Republic and Poland this summer.

Pray that God would:

- Provide additional unique ways of interacting with the community.
- Grant the Rohlfings a smooth and peaceful transition back to the United States, and that He would surround the Rohlfings with a community of faith and encouragement.
- Change the hearts of students through His Spirit as they hear the Gospel at English camps.
- Raise up young people, especially young men, to be active members of His church.
- Rid the community of spiritual evil, sorcery and shamanism.



Celebrating the Rohlfings

God speaks to us and calls us to various places during our lives. His calling to follow Him never changes. However, having faith, He calls us daily to share His Gospel with all those we encounter. And age does not matter. From the fall of 2015 to the summer of 2018, Freeman and Susie Rohlfing faithfully served God here in Central Europe as short-term GEO missionaries. They taught high school, instructed small children, led English talk groups, interacted with their community, and hosted countless people in their home. Yet none of this was done for their personal gain, but all for the sake of the Gospel. God used them to share



Freeman speaking with a team member.



A screenshot from a story sharing video put out by the EC MISE about the Rohlfings in Olomouc, CZ.

Watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spBaobbFZ9s>

His love and message of salvation with now close friends, as well as complete strangers. And God will continue to use them as they transition back to America. Thank you Freeman and Susie for your faithful service in the Eurasia region!



Susie spending time with a university student.

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