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Hunting for a church location

Many of you have wondered as to the status of the “Red Church” which we have talked about in past newsletters. This is a German Lutheran church built in 1902 in Olomouc that was eventually taken over by the communist regime and used as a book storage location for the library. Very little maintenance has taken place on this building since the mid 1950’s. However, recently we have noticed some activity there and a notice of an open house. This surprised us since we were never allowed into the church, and all was kept very secret. However, we attended the open house and discovered that Olomouc has emptied all the books out of the church. The city will be restoring the building and turning it into a cultural center. God works in amazing ways. After finally getting to see the inside of the church, we quickly realized that the restoration cost would have been enormous. It is better that the city absorbs this cost. Olomouc has future plans for a large meeting space in the structure, similar to the worship area of a church. Once the restoration work is complete, with God’s help, we may have an opportunity to rent space for worship. It is a beautiful church in an excellent, highly visible location.

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...but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

1Peter 1:25 ESV



The Czech Republic

Did you know?



1Peter 1:25 was painted in the altar area of the “Red Church”.



Ceilings in need of repair and many book shelves in need of removal



Early 16th century Bible found in the books being stored



Many walls in need of repair

The architect’s vision of what the church will look like after the restoration. The original pulpit is visible at the front.



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Sharing the Gospel in the park



Viking Chess was very popular.



Communicating with other team members



Several curious people wanted to participate.



The games were enjoyed by both young and old.

This was our first event to share the Gospel, where we were able to use our new “Messenger” contact information cards, which referenced our new Facebook page, Instagram page, and indirect reference to our new website. As various events continue, we are setting up a process of follow-up. We do not want any new contacts to be lost.

During this time we also had the opportunity to talk with an older Mormon couple from Missouri.



The young also wanted to play.

Making relationships at the Senior Clubs in order to share the Gospel

September 24, started our first visit to one of the Senior Clubs in Olomouc. It was a wonderful visit, engulfing us in the Czech culture.



Entrance to our club

This senior club is a 36 minute walk or 18 minute tram ride from our flat. It has 52 members with the oldest being 96 years old. They are very friendly and eager to talk, even in broken English. They know we want to learn Czech. So they have already started helping us pronounce certain words. The members of this group are very much interested in cultural events such as plays, ballets, concerts, history and everything in between. At our first meeting we tasted our first Turkish coffee and Czech macaroon, which they said the Czech people really like. Jiří Hudeček, our club leader, was very hospitable and can also speak some English. He may be very useful in helping us spread the Gospel.



A presentation on UNESCO locations



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