

# The Czech Republic

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**First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.**

**1 Timothy 2:1,2 ESV**



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#### Did you know?

Sigmund Freud (1856-1939) spent time in Olomouc. The only thing he liked in Olomouc was Hirsch's Café (now known as the Opera Café), because he loved the ice cream and desserts there; and Olomouc's cheese.

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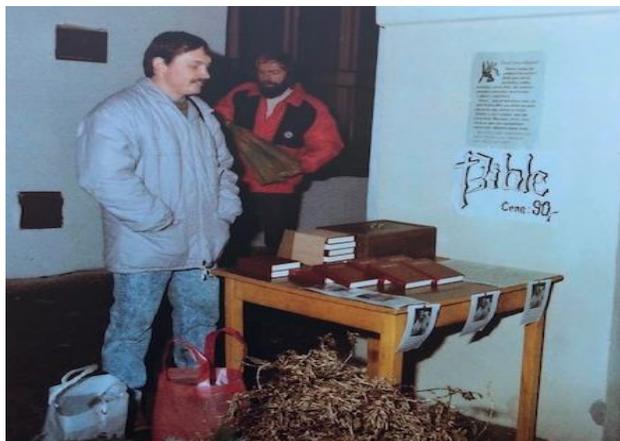
## Strategy planning for the 2019/2020 school year



The Silesian M.I.S.E. team during one of our planning sessions

On October 9, we met with key members of our Silesian church outreach team to discuss our strategy for the 2019/2020 school year. It was agreed that our Silesian church members would concentrate on activities for the student population and adults between 18 and 25. The Hoffmann's will concentrate on the older generations and English speaking population of Olomouc. Currently, a Paint Fest is being planned to reach all of the adult age groups. In addition, a Czech Bible study is being planned by our Silesian team and an English Bible study is being planned by the Hoffmann's.

## Bibles in the Czech Republic



During the communist era one of the symbols of change in the Czech Republic was the sale of the Bible. The "Good Book" was not published in Czechoslovakia after the communist coup in 1948 until 1967. The communists saw the church as an enemy of the state. After the fall of communism in 1989, there was a steep increase among the people in the interest in religious literature. In our present day, the interest has all but disappeared. Please pray for a renewed interest in the Gospel and Bible.

## *Making Relationships at our Senior Club*

We are continuing to make relationships with the 52 members of our senior club. This has been extremely valuable in helping us to learn the language, culture, folk customs and more about the lives of the people of Olomouc. The stories they have about their days during the communist era are quite remarkable. Once we know the language better we will be able to learn so much from this group. They are very friendly and willing to share and help us.

## *Christian World View Conference*

We are currently in the very early stages of planning for a Christian World View Conference in the Czech Republic. "Answers in Genesis," an organization from Kentucky, has been contacted with the possibility of Dr. Mortenson coming and making several presentations on defending your faith and creationism. Several additional speakers have also showed some interest in giving presentations. The churches in Silesia and Bohemia have been contacted to determine their interest in such a conference. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will spark these churches into participating. This would be one of the best ways to combat the many atheistic views in the Czech Republic.

## *A Welcomed Visit*



Peter, Lucy, and Rev. Faulkner (left to right)

On October 2, the Rev. Dr. David Faulkner, senior pastor, from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Marshfield Wisconsin, came to visit us in Olomouc. With relatives in the Czech Republic, Rev. Faulkner is very interested in mission work here. We reviewed our mission in Olomouc and then spent some time showing him Olomouc and the "red church." After seeing the city, the need to share the Gospel was quite evident to him, and he realized how much potential there is here. He also recognized the need for a Czech speaking pastor here, along with a place to teach and expound the Word.

## *"Fake News"*

Fake news is also prevalent in the Czech Republic. Recently one of the trolleys in Olomouc has been painted with a sign saying, "2/3 of the population does not recognize fake news. We know how to change it..." Because of the location of the Czech Republic, it is, and always has been, influenced by the cultures of both the east and the west. The return of the Gospel is the only true answer for eliminating "fake news."



The "Fake News" trolley



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