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“This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

(1 Timothy 2:3-5 ESV)



The Czech Republic

Did you know?

Joseph Radetzky von Radetz (1766-1858), an Austrian fieldmarshal, was one of the best European commanders of the 19th century. He governed the Olomouc imperial fortress from 1829 to 1831. He stayed at Edlmann Palace on the Upper Square in Olomouc.

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The joy of what God is doing in Olomouc as we depart

March 1, 2020

Post Tenebras Lux

Dear Christian friends,

It is hard to believe that it was June 12, 2017, when Lucy and I received our solemn appointments from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as missionaries. The time God gave us to devote to His mission in the Czech Republic went by so quickly. Since that date, we have completed our missionary training, support requirements, the long Czech visa process, and 15 months deployed in Olomouc, Czech Republic. We have felt the Holy Spirit working with us during the entire process. Our official end date is March 12, 2020. We rejoice that you, through your support and prayers, have helped us through the entire journey.

During our missionary journey in Olomouc, we forged many relationships with both young and old. A love and tenderness for the Czech people will always burn in our hearts. These wonderful relationships will provide a strong base upon which to build God's church. It will be important to provide discipleship to these fine people, as well as to expand into other areas of the population. Time is of the essence. This will also require a commitment by the Silesian church to provide a full-time pastor, a place to meet and a "mother church" for support. In the meantime, the good news is that the Silesian church has provided Pastor Pietak, a part-time pastor. This is a wonderful step of faith in the right direction. It might also provide a need for future missionaries to come to Olomouc to help him, once he gets established with the people God has already provided.

As we leave, please continue to support all the missionaries in the Czech Republic. The need to spread the Gospel has never been greater. The LCMS has excellent missionaries in both Silesia and Bohemia in the Czech Republic. We are grateful for their ongoing service. The Holy Spirit is certainly working in this mission field and the harvest is ripe. We must not lose this opportunity. If you have been supporting us and would like to continue supporting missionaries in the Czech Republic or elsewhere in the world, please contact Gary Thies at Mission Central 712-882-1029, Julie Loehring, Together in Mission (TIM) coordinator, or Michelle Beckmann, Mission Senders coordinator, for the LCMS at 888-930-4438. If you are interested in serving as a short-term or GEO missionary, check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service.

As we come back to the USA, we will have much catching up to do with our children, grandchildren and many church friends. We will, however, never lose our affection for the Czech people and their need to receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20 ESV).

Blessings in Christ,

Peter and Lucy Hoffmann
LCMS Missionaries to the Czech Republic

Wishing the Albrechtice Church good bye in Silesia

Shown below is Albrechtice Church, one of several churches we spent much time with in Silesia. Several of our outreach team members came from this church to Olomouc. We have grown close to a number of members in this church.



Good friends at Albrechtice, including team members



Wishing the Albrechtice Church God's blessings



Mission Presentation to the Oldřichovice Church in Silesia



Oldřichovice Church

This church invited us to share our mission in Olomouc, especially in regard to the Senior Clubs. Relationship building was very important in the club. We emphasized that events are for believers, but to build a church it needs to be one-on-one relationships.



Mission presentation service



A reception with the pastor and retired Bishop

Our Senior Club will never be forgotten



Saying good bye to those in our Senior Club was very difficult. The friends made were wonderful and we will miss them. The memories of these relationships will last a life time. The club gave us a party at the end and we gave them each a small gift, along with a letter that shared the Gospel message. The Silesian church filmed our experience to share with their members.



Working with our Silesian Church outreach team (M.I.S.E.) was critical throughout our mission in Olomouc.



“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” (2 Cor. 13:14 ESV)

This verse expresses the bond we have with our brothers and sisters in the M.I.S.E. team. This was our last team meeting/going away party. It was bitter sweet because of close relationships formed through laboring together for Christ. Our meetings were always a time of prayer, worship and work. It is amazing how God binds His children together and what you can accomplish if you have like minds focused on the glory of God. So, in this last newsletter we would like to encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and join a group where you can share fellowship and God’s Word. Then plan a way to share the Gospel with others. We have a treasure to share.



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

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