

Blessings from Bohumín

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Ministry from Home

The past month's ministry has been quite unique. However, despite the current circumstances and the challenges they present, God is still working. I see His work in our small group that lives in the parish house here in Bohumín. We have shared many conversations, meals, laughs, tears, and prayers. God has opened the door for me to be quarantined with others, and I have the opportunity to continue sharing the Gospel online and in person.

One joy of quarantine is having some extra time and thinking critically about how I spend that time. During this season I've had the chance to dive deeper into God's Word. One morning I rediscovered Psalm 56. I love verse 11 "in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?" (ESV). Even amidst a world where everything can fail us, God is always available to us. In the darkness, in the storms of life, and even in panic, we can find comfort and celebrate the hope that we have in God's grace, mercy and unconditional love.

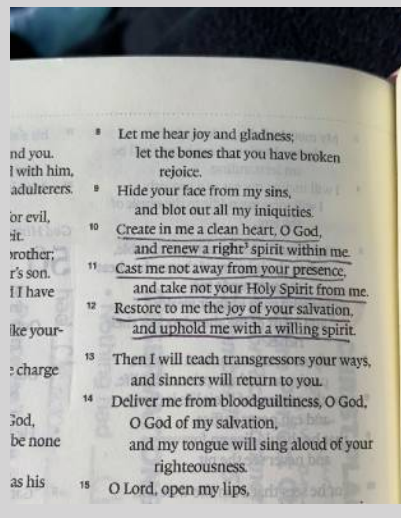
Below: Having a game night with our upstairs neighbors.



Czech Word of the Month

Quarantine or as the Czechs would say "karanténa". COVID-19 has affected us all in some way, however we can still rejoice and find hope and assurance in the fact that Jesus Christ lives and He always will.

God has provided incredible weather so that I can hammock outside and dig into His Word (**below:** Psalm 52).



Right: My roommate Niki preparing to deliver a bundle of balloons to the two small children who live above us, sharing some quarantine joy.

Below: Since the grocery store is constantly out of yeast, we have been working to perfect our homemade pizza dough recipe in creative ways!



Above: Movie night and fellowship with friends Honza, and Jírka.

Left: My roommate Niki and I sporting our new masks, made by our upstairs neighbor, Miša.

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Trusting in Him

Prayer Requests

Pray that God would:

- Continue to work through our online youth meetings and English groups with students.
- Open the door for me to share the Gospel in private English lessons with students.
- Continue to reveal His plan for this season of ministry.

Prayers of Thanks!

Give thanks for:

- You, my prayer supporters and encouragers.
- Amazing community and friendship here at the parish house in Bohumín.
- The start of our English conversation groups online.
- The opportunity to continue my Czech lessons with my teacher online.



Above: A snapshot of one of our online youth meetings.

Our youth group has met online for about a month now. Each week we gather in fellowship, have a small worship time, share a devotion, and play a game together. Keeping our community is crucial as we share the Gospel with the students, and we pray that God will continue shaping and molding their hearts for Him. As we move from in person to online, I see what a blessing technology can be as well as the strong value we place in face to face meetings. What a joyous reunion we will have when we are all able to worship together again!

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