

Blessings from Bohumín

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Czech Word of the Month

The flyers we handed out had the word “Spolu” in big letters at the top. This means *together* to emphasize the theme of *community* for the week.



Meet Kaja! She recently joined our Youth Team this past summer. Kaja is the younger sister of our team member Eliška. We are blessed to add Kaja’s energy, enthusiasm and new ideas to our team meetings and youth events! Please pray for Kaja as she continues to walk with the Lord and grow spiritually through our ministries here in Bohumín.

Mission Week



Above: Pastor Roman (standing right) and his sister (standing left) serving community members at our lavender workshop.

“Hello! I would like to invite you to some events at our church this weekend.” I said with energy and enthusiasm.

“Oh I can’t come. I’m an atheist.” He turned and started to walk away.

“That’s ok, sir, we want you there” I said as I pressed a flyer into his hand.

This was the start of my week, inviting people to the Mission Week at our church in Bohumín. Each day our team put on something different for the community. Wednesday we opened the sanctuary for visitors and provided live music. On Thursday and Friday afternoon we had workshops in the park for all ages about crafts, and lavender. On Friday evening we hosted a grill party in the park. Although the group was small, there were more opportunities for personal conversations and invitations to our church service on Sunday. It was such a blessing to have a week so full of outreach and meeting others in our community.

Right: Pastor Roman engages in conversation with a community member who attended the grill party.

Below: Team members Honza, Eliška, and Jirka help grilling meat for members at the Friday night event.



Above: Honza Kowalczyk (former Pastor in Bohumín) provides outdoor worship for people at the grill party.

Left: We were blessed to have missionaries Pastor Kastor, and his wife Suzanne come to Bohumín for a day to help invite people in the square to our Mission week!

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Your Prayers Needed

Prayer Requests

Pray that God would:

- Be with three new volunteers who will come to live with me in the parish house in September. Our team is unsure if they will be Christian. Pray that we find opportunities to be in conversation with them and involve them in our Church this school year.
- Bless students going back to school in September.

Prayers of Thanks!

Give thanks for:

- You, my prayer supporters and encouragers.
- A blessed Mission Week.
- The opportunity for me to meet with a school principal about teaching in the public elementary school this fall.
- A very supportive church community in Bohumín

This month a tragedy struck the city of Bohumín. Not far from where I live there was an arson attack on the eleventh floor of an apartment building. There were eleven deaths and ten injuries, including a fireman and police man who were injured while serving the community.

Please pray for those affected, and other members of the community who may be left with faith questions.



“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28 (ESV)

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