



Dad and I at St. John's Browns Corners in October 2019.

MEMORIES OF DAD

When I arrived home on Aug. 5 to spend time with my dad, who had just been released from the hospital on hospice, he greeted me with a smile and said, "I've been waiting for you!"

I was so blessed to have a wonderful conversation with him that evening, sing hymns to him the following day and to be with him and my family when he went to meet Jesus on Aug. 7, 2020.

I will always remember him as a soldier in the faith and will cherish the time we had together, whether it was in person or long distance. He was a tremendous supporter of my mission work, and I wouldn't be a missionary today without his love, support, leadership and guidance as a Christian father throughout my life. Thanks to all of you who have honored him with your expressions of sympathy and memorials to carry on my mission work in the Czech Republic.

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A free new way for you to help



A recent post on the Instagram page [cindyzprahy](https://www.instagram.com/cindyzprahy) (Cindy z Prahy).

As I review the mobile prayer app pilot test results, I see that many app visitors spend the most time looking at the Scripture passages and the church information. They are curious about God's Word and our church.

And when I talk in person with atheists about the Bible, most don't have one, have never seen one and have no idea what God's Word says. But they are curious.

When I give people their first Czech Bible, they are excited and also a little overwhelmed. God's Word is new to them, but they are very curious.

Bringing God's Word to the Czechs

So, how can we continue to get God's Word in front of Czechs? In July, I launched a new Instagram page that posts Scripture passages in the Czech language on photos that are easily recognizable by most Czechs, especially those in Prague. Instagram has 1.6 million users in the Czech Republic, with most of them younger than 45 years old. As one of the most popular social media platforms, Instagram is free to use.

How Instagram posts show up in a newsfeed depends on how many people follow the Instagram page and how quickly people like posts when they first appear. If you are new to Instagram, the app is easily downloaded on your computer or mobile device. You can set up a free account even if you never post a picture. You can then follow the Instagram pages that are public for free.

I need your help to increase the number of followers for this new Instagram page that will only be used to share God's Word with the Czech people. I chose the username **cindyzprahy**, because in Czech, "Cindy z Prahy" literally means "Cindy from Prague." The website on the Instagram page, lutersky.cz, goes directly to the ECAVvČR Czech congregation's official website. Anyone who is interested can learn about the church, get contact information, and find current information about services, programs and events.

So please go to Instagram—and ask your kids and grandkids who are on Instagram—to follow **cindyzprahy** and like the posts that bring God's Word to the Czechs. Děkuji (thank you)!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- My family, as we grieve the loss of my father.
- Safety and protection in my work, as COVID cases increase in our country and facemasks are once again mandatory in all indoor public spaces, including churches.
- The eyes of the Czech people to see and read God's Word.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- God's perfect timing and safety in my travel to Wisconsin to be with my father and family in August.
- Technology that allows us to reach people with God's Word in new ways.
- The call process that has started to find a pastor for the Czech congregation.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The hope, peace and comfort that only comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

Congregation trip to Cheb and Aš



Martin Luther statue in Aš

On the last weekend of July, I traveled by train with six other members of the English congregation in Prague to western Bohemia. We stayed in the city of Cheb and visited the nearby city of Aš which has the only statue of Martin Luther in all of the Czech Republic.

This part of the country used to have many Lutherans and now has none. Aš is at the farthest point west in the Czech Republic, very near the German border. Many Germans visit this area, which looks a lot like northern Wisconsin with its many

dense forests. We heard a lot of Czech and German spoken over the weekend, but we may have been the only English speakers in the area.

TEXTILE MUSEUM

Another highlight of the trip for me was visiting a museum in Aš that had displays on textile production, such as spinning, weaving and knitting, as well as antique knitting machines from local factories. The museum also had the largest collection of gloves in the world, with more than 20,000 pairs dating back to Napoleon and up through the 1960s. The factories that produced the gloves sent them all over the world but closed suddenly when communism fell, and people left the industry for educational opportunities and other jobs.



This month we look to God's Word for hope:

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His Word I hope.

Psalm 130:5 (ESV)

- Cindy Zirbel Wrucke



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