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Missionary Newsletter

Benjamin, Rebecca and Viktor Helge,
LCMS Missionaries, serving our Lord in
Havířov-Šumbark, Czech Republic and Eurasia



English Bible Camps in the Czech Republic & Poland

Hundreds of children asked, "Jesus, who are you?" this past summer at English Bible Camps (EBC) in the Czech Republic and Poland. LCMS volunteers came over three different terms to lead and teach at EBCs. Local churches welcome both churched and unchurched children and youth into their sanctuaries and fellowship halls to speak English, play games, sing songs, make friends, and most importantly, to learn about Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, the Bread of the Life, the Door, the Good Shepherd, the Vine, the Resurrection, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Ben had the joy of creating the curriculum, writing the theme song, helping with volunteer orientation, visiting the camps, and debriefing with volunteers. Volunteers got to interact and share the love of Jesus with children from a different culture, serve the local church, and have an all-around fun time, while also being stretched in their faith and seeing God work in new ways. Join us in praising God for every child, parent, teacher, and adult that heard the Good News this summer through EBCs.



*Want to serve
next summer?*

Czech Republic: July 5-17, 2023
Poland: August 2-14, 2023
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Summer at K4

Every Monday ETG leaders helped to plan different events for the students to take part in - bowling, beach day, laser tag, baseball, etc. Although ETG did not happen during the summer, the community kept in-touch through these fun events.



The first quiz night at K4

New England Meets Czechia

How do you reach a culture that is thoroughly secular and post-Christian? This question is not only asked by missionaries in Europe, but also by ministers working in New England. Through a connection with her home church in Vermont, Becca had the pleasure of planning and executing a trip designed to answer this question for the Ockenga Fellows. Through meeting various Czechs in ministry and lay positions, Becca hoped to encourage the group's own work in New England by inspiring them with the people they met, as well as providing moments to provoke their imaginations. The great surprise was that both Ben and Becca learned and benefited just as much as the Fellows did! Martin Damašek, an LCMS partner, shared about his role as a politician and an ordained Czech Lutheran pastor. This was one of the Fellows' favorite presentations.



Pastor Martin Damašek (front center right) shared how the Czech political context is very different than the American one. For instance, he has the freedom to pray for his colleagues and share his faith at work without backlash.

Miscellaneous Notes

- The LCMS Eurasia Regional Retreat was a time of fellowship, encouragement, and relaxation for all of us. We enjoyed the heat and culture of Greece while we spent time with missionaries from one end of the continent to the other. Viktor went into the sea and enjoyed the pool.

- Becca & Viktor's visas were approved!

Send us your thoughts, prayer requests and any other comments to benjamin.helge@lcms.org or rebecca.helge@lcmsintl.org.

Thank you for reading.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus.

In Christ,

**Benjamin, Rebecca
and Viktor Helge**



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