



Email Newsletter and Prayer Requests

Thank you for your partnership in prayer and giving. We are excited to share a couple of the good things that have happened so far this year. These testimonies illustrate how God is actively communicating both to children through children's ministries and family outreaches, and also how He is speaking to churches through artistic expression in music. Thank you for being obedient and helping to facilitate God's activity among the Czech people.

In Him,
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I Heard God's Voice

Jason and I recently hosted an incredible children's ministry team from North Carolina. Randy and Dianne Thompson have ministered to children for over 30 years, and they have a passion for leading children to God so they experience Him to the fullest. The ten days with them and their team of nine was inspiring and encouraging for so many here. Their very diverse itinerary included a seminar on teaching children how to hear God's voice. This excellent teaching was led by one lady on the team named Elizabeth, who teaches preschoolers in her local church.



After the team left, I had to prepare a lesson for kids' church the next day. As I thought about the lesson, God's Spirit reminded me of that "listening" seminar and nudged me to let the kids try it on Sunday.

With Wyatt, I regularly have "listening moments" as we pray before bedtime, but I had never tried this with the kids at church. As I thought about the program for Sunday, I was challenged to include a "listening moment" in it. I wasn't sure how the kids would react, but I prayed that God would prepare their hearts and that He would speak to us that day. And you know what? He did! He is so faithful!

I introduced the listening moment with a game. One of the kids came forward, and we blindfolded her. Her job was to tell us who was speaking to her just from the sound of their voice - without seeing who it was with her eyes. The point was that Bara could identify who had spoken to her just by their voices because she KNEW them...she had spent time with them...they were her friends. It is the same with God. The more we spend time with Him - talking to Him and listening to Him, the easier we will recognize His voice. We talked briefly about how God's voice sounds, how He speaks most often to us today. Then we prayed, asking God to speak to us, and then we were quiet for one minute. To be honest, I was surprised at how engaged all the kids were - they all closed their eyes and quietly listened as the music was playing. Then I asked, "Did someone hear something from God?"

Several hands went up! This is what the kids heard God speak to them:

Several minutes went by. This is what the Holy Spirit was speaking to them.

1. I love you.
2. Go my way. (Go God's way.)
3. Be courageous, fun and kind, so that you can spread your faith.
4. Don't be afraid. I am with you.

It was a very special moment in God's presence, and my heart is still rejoicing from it.

Finding the Czech Voice of Praise

In February Joseph Nance, a graduate of North Central University in recording arts, came to spend three weeks with us recording Czech worship music. This is part of a larger plan to help revitalize the Czech church.

We believe that worship contains a prophetic element. As the worshipper is preoccupied with God, the Holy Spirit speaks and interacts with him or her in real time. When Czechs worship using songs translated from Australia, the USA or the UK, there are certainly some supra-cultural (above culture) elements to the message, which with which Czechs can identify, but the worship experience is often not as meaningful to them as it is to the worshipper from the Anglo world.

The Holy Spirit speaks to each nation and people group on their own terms. It is like a husband reading a beautiful poem to his wife. It may warm her heart, and make her feel special. However, if the same husband writes his own poem based on his shared experience with the wife, it will produce a much deeper response even if the objective quality of the poem is not as high as that of the poet. It contains memories of their good and bad experiences, and is a reflection of the love that is found in their relationship.

We want to find the love songs and poems that are being exchanged between Czech believers and the Holy Spirit. Czech songs can reflect the reality of how Czechs perceive God and of how the Holy Spirit is dealing with this nation.

This was the first attempt to gather and record worship songs that are already out there in some of the churches. The next step will be to start a process where we can gather songwriters, spend time in prayer retreats to find inspiration and then work together to improve the artistic quality and message in each song. In the end we also hope to share the worship songs across all of the existing churches and help to renew the worship of the Czech church.

We are very grateful for the expertise that Joseph lent to the project as well as for all of the musicians who took the initiative to contribute to the process!



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Pray for the churches, which are in the vitalization process. Each of them is processing at their own pace.

*One of them has experienced a lot of transformation, and everyone feels on the verge of a breakthrough. Please pray for that spark which will ignite growth. Pray for the Holy Spirit to touch key people in the community so their lives will be transformed.

*One church has visibly become more healthy. They have a need for leaders to emerge and take responsibility for children's ministry and ministry to the atheistic families, who have become interested in God and the church. Pray for leaders to emerge.

*One church has atheists totaling twice the number of believers in the church coming regularly to church activities and asking questions. Please pray for that spark of the Holy Spirit which will bring transformation and help them to decide to come to faith..

Prayer for us personally.

Wyatt is preparing for first grade. Pray for us as we are seeking the right school for Wyatt to attend next year. Czech law says all foreigners must integrate and send their children to a school approved by the Ministry of Education. Since there are no international schools in our region, Wyatt will attend a Czech-speaking school. We have narrowed it down to two likely schools, but we are still seeking God's leading.

