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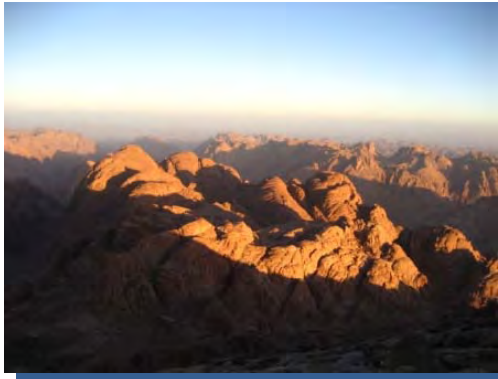
Hi, everyone! Ulli and I send you greetings from Prague.

I look forward to share some of the things that have been happening in the last month or so. I hope to be a better communicator but things get really crazy here sometimes.

We are still in the process of changing everything over since we became an officially registered Church in Czech. I forgot how many contracts, accounts and paperwork is involved, but little by little we are doing it.

Also we had a week of Prayer and fasting in January that was even better than last year's. We tried to apply the scripture in **2 Chronicles 7:14** *if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.* **NIV**

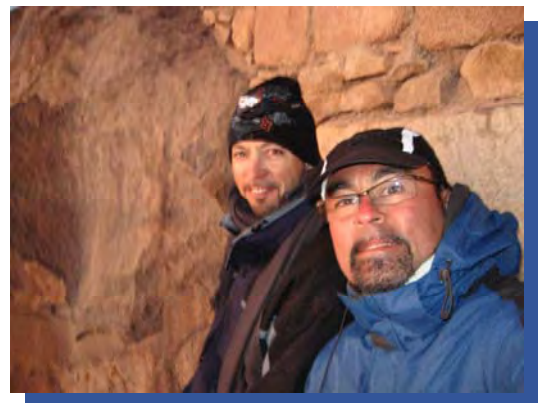
More people fasted, prayed this year too. Starting Sunday the 10th we kicked off the time of prayer and fasting and then 25-35 people met every night from Monday through Saturday for worship and prayer. We finished on Sunday the 17th with testimonies and praises. Wow, it was a powerful time of humbling ourselves to God and his plans for us. We can't wait to see all the God pours out of heaven this year.



Then I (Jerry) right at the end of the fast flew off to Egypt for a week for the Central European Church of God planning meeting. We meet each year to plan what will happen in the region (Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland). Because of my position as Bishop I am on this council of great men and we had an amazing time there. Most of the time there was planning meetings, but we did have a couple of days to snorkel and go on a trip to Mt. Sinai. We had to have a policeman complete with machine gun accompany us because two in the team were Americans. We climbed the mountain in the middle of the night to watch the sun rise from where Moses stood. It was Awesome to actually stand where Moses and Joshua stood and received the 10 commandments and instruction from the Lord to go into the Promised Land.

It was so funny, I kind of expect a few people to be there, but in reality there were hundreds. Many were there for private and group pilgrimages from all over the world. There was singing in many languages and prayers heard. Lots were there just to see the sun rise and the ever present oriental groups taking lots of pictures. There were Bedouin salesmen renting blankets, gloves and hats to tourists that climbed in shorts and T-shirts and all the way up the mountain were hundreds of Camels and their owners trying to sell us a ride up or down the mountain.

It was sort of a circus, but at the same time these thoughts were in my mind all the time, "This was the climb that Moses made, this was the place God shook the mountain, this was the very rock that God carved the 10 commandments out of, here was the place where the burning bush was..." All in all this was a powerful time in Egypt. God did speak to me while I was there, He said "I am not here I am with you". The God of the universe does not live on mountains, in tents or temples, Praise God he is with US!



After returning to Prague we prepared for the opening of our Christian Kindergarten. Ulli has done a fantastic job for the last couple of years with the English kids clubs. Together with the afternoon English club we are sharing Jesus with almost 40 kids and influencing their parents.



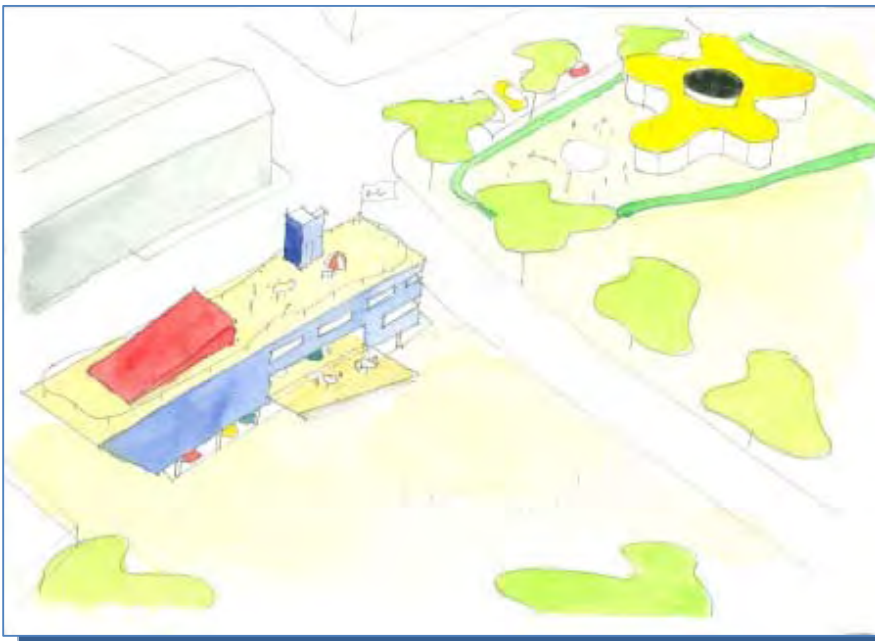
This has led us to start this Christian Kindergarten. On the 2nd of February we opened the doors two mornings a week. This will increase as time goes on and as we get another place. Though we would like to have an all day Kindergarten we are limited because we are underground and the children cannot be without natural daylight all day. With 5 kids attending the first days we consider this a great success, especially since it is advertised as a Christian Kindergarten.

As word gets out we are sure that we will have to expand. Most people will register their kids for the next school term after the summer vacation, but we felt it is time to get started now in order to plan, to gain experience and to get established.

This type of ministry has been so effective in helping us touch the community we live in and opened doors of favor in our district.



One of the biggest projects that we are pursuing is a new Church Home. We are in our 5th year in our present facilities and we have out grown it. Not only in the size of the sanctuary but for all the other activities that we have during the week and the ones we want to start. Our main method of outreach has been a community center that is used to invite non Christians and to build bridges so we can share Christ. We are seeing doors open and many are learning and asking a lot of questions about God.



We have located a 2 pieces of land across the street from where we are now and have made an application to the city of Prague to give us the land to build on. Interesting is that these two pieces are already zoned for Churches and community centers and schools. The years of sowing into this community have paid off with the local municipality (Mayor, culture office and social office) writing letters of recommendation to the city officials

We hope to hear a decision in the next couple of weeks. If we get this we have plans to build a Community

center/Church and a Kindergarten. It's a HUGE project and we know that with God it's possible. We will share more with you as things develop.

We are coming to the US again this year and if the Lord allows we will be able to see all of you. The dates we will be in the US are from the 29th of May till the 14th of July 2010. The dates are mostly booked already and it will be a busy one. The Lord willing we will have a few free days to relax.



In closing let me share some exciting family news. Our son Jerry Jr and his wife Carol announced that they are having their third child here in Prague this year. That will be our 10th Grandchild! What is happening to the time? Praise God for this blessing. This is especially nice because 7 of the grandkids live in the US and we don't get to see them very often☺.

Till we meet again in newsletter land or we see each other face to face.

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