

SU CZECH REPUBLIC

NEWS FROM OUR MINISTRY 11/2009



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

it is almost a year and half since we last wrote this newsletter so we would like to give you an update of our present situation - what God is achieving through your prayers as the work here in the Czech Republic develops and also to encourage you in all you are doing in your ministries.

Our main focus continues to be concentrated on the long term goal of training leaders. Built into the foundation of everything we do is not only mission (which is crucial here in the Czech Republic) but also the vision of discipling and developing practical experience in leadership.

CAMPS

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP (ONE WEEK IN THE SUMMER)



We require that each young person who would like to be a leader for our summer camps would take part in this training camp. This camp trains them to give a camp talk, lead a small group Bible study, lead a sports or craft workshop, lead a person to Christ, learn how to give a testimony, how and why it is important to meet with Jesus each day through personal Bible study and prayer even at camp, how to pray for other people and also what it means to be a servant in leadership. During this camp they are put through extreme situations to see how they cope when their emotional and physical strength is drained and learn how to find new strength in Jesus.

Having been involved with this main training event for a number of years we are grateful to God for seeing a glimpse of the fruit in individuals involved in their local Churches. For example:

- Honza is now responsible for training and developing all the small group leaders in his Church.
- Peter is now studying theology and in training with his pastor for future leadership in his Church.
- Marek, Marketa, Petr and Tomas are running an outreach for a large number of Churches in Pízen.
- Ben, Marketa and Aja for the first time lead one of our summer evangelistic camps.

OTHER REGULAR CAMPS

We continue to run the following camps:

THREE SUMMER EVANGELISTIC CAMPS
for young people aged 12-15.

THREE SU SKI CAMPS
for high schoolers - two are held in the Czech Republic with the third taking place in the Austrian Alps



SU SPORTS & ENGLISH CAMP

an outreach camp, as most of the children are contacted through their basic schools



VINOHRADY FREE CHURCH SUMMER ENGLISH CAMP

for high schoolers and university students run (with our support) by leaders who have been trained by SU Czech Republic

Thanks to the good relationships built up over a number of years it is now possible at the Sports & English Camp to speak openly about the Bible with the young people from non Christian families contacted through their basic (primary) schools. For several years we were only able to teach and discuss about ethical topics but now we have the opportunity to move our discussions to Bible stories and the encouraging thing is that they are showing the same interest.

ACTIVITIES

In our previous newsletter we have informed you about our on-going activities:

CAMP LEADERS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

planning the events concerning camps and the development of the training program

JUNIOR LEADERS TRAINING WEEKENDS

twice a year we set up training weekends for junior leaders together with other activities where they can put the theory into the practice!

CAMP WORSHIP TEAMS PLANNING WEEKEND

planning and training meeting for those involved in the summer camps worship teams

CAFE "COZE"

games and discussions in English held each month in the school year for outreach to newly contacted high schoolers

TRAINING WEEKEND IN BRUNTAL

twice a year we visit Bruntal – a large town in the North-West of Moravia to train junior leaders in the running of a Children's evangelistic weekend Bible Club

CLUB KROKODYL

run for those who have attended summer English camps with the Free Evangelical Church in Prague 2 – Vinohrady

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUBS IN CARDIFF, UK

twice a year a group of Czech young people are given the practical experience of Church based outreach to children in Cardiff



BIBLE KNOWLEDGE CHAMPIONSHIP

in cooperation with the Czech Bible Society and International Christian Embassy Jerusalem we run this highly publicized event - in the Czech Senate, so that Bible knowledge will grow once again in this secular nation

JUNIOR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE CHAMPIONSHIP

together with a Youth Spiritual Education Council, Czech Scouts and the Children's Club Pathfinder we run a similar Bible Championship for children and young people - aged 7-16

CURRENT NEWS

CLUBS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Having now had experience from several Holiday Bible Clubs in Cardiff we are thankful that we have been able to run several similar evangelistic events in recent years involving more than 500 children and young people. With the help of teams from USA and other Czech leaders we would like to encourage more of these events in other towns and Churches as well as establish those we have already done as annual events.

COOPERATION WITH SCHOOLS

We have recently made contact with several basic schools and grammar schools in and around Prague through English lessons, music, sports and games activities. It is important to build trust with staff, pupils and parents in order that we can invite children and young people to events outside school. We are grateful that in the last year God has opened up four schools and despite some difficulties we are seeing development of these opportunities. Please pray for the continuing progress of this work as we realize especially here in the Czech Republic we are very much walking a tight-rope endeavouring to honor God and yet work under the authority of the schools.



NEW BOARD AND CHAIRPERSON

For a long time there has been the need for a new Czech SU Board and chairperson. We are now praying to form the new Board by the deadline of the end of December 2009 as decided together with the European Board. This team should be much younger and so we hope that they will be more involved in our work. From the beginning of the year 2010 we plan several regular planning and preparation meetings with this new Board and the summer camp leaders responsible for the training of the junior leaders this year. Please pray for this new team and also for God to give us clear vision and unity for the future development of SU in the Czech Republic.



Thank you again for your support and prayers, without which, most of these events above would not have been possible!