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Cesta Tam: "There is a Way"

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Cesta Tam=There is a way

Our vision is to help raise a generation of fervent, evangelical, missionary-minded Czechs to restore the Czech Church to its mission and calling in the world.



My wife Sara and I would like to report on the exciting events of July and August, 2006, as they relate to our new Christian ministry in the Czech Republic. After these sweltering summer months full of new friends, creative ideas and imaginative insights, we now truly understand the wisdom shown by Sara's brother, John, who wrote us in an email last November after reviewing *Three Things You Can't Do in Prague*: "God will surely use you, but He will not confine Himself to any plans you may have made."

Although we feel an increasing sense of urgency to simply move to Prague and start sharing the Gospel (as we know the harvest there is ripening) we know with certainty that the time is not yet right to leave our lives in Florida.

Our Blessings in Florida

When we consider, with deep thankfulness, the tremendous on-going experience of discipleship, friendship and worship we experience at our church, Christ the Redeemer; when we remember, with great respect, the empowering training we received in July at Calvary International;



when we recall, with love and affection, the ten years that Sara has been part of the faith-filled fellowship at Providence School; and when we contemplate, with prayerfulness and anticipation, the exciting opportunities being built through the CCC-USA, including seminary training and coordinated missionary efforts, we realize that the Lord has provided us with a rich and full life right here on Florida's First Coast.

Since 1993, we have been part of a multi-ethnic, diverse and rapidly-growing community in Ponte Vedra Beach and Jacksonville. Through our executive education and English language immersion programs, we've made hundreds of friends. Through our church families, we've met hundreds of dedicated and vibrant Christians. Through our work at Providence, Pearson and with the US Department of State, we've been part of a broadening and widening of horizons in a beautiful and relaxed part of the United States. You might say, "why leave, then?" *continued on page*

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Waiting for Our Czech Ministry

We will leave because we know we have been called as laborers in the Czech harvest of souls. But it's not quite time. We read in James 5:7, "See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains." We wait for the harvest, for the moment of ripeness when we are sure The Lord has showed us the way He has ordained for our Czech ministry.

We listen to Paul's advice to the church at Ephesus, "Don't live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the Master wants" (Ephesians 5: 17). We take to heart the words of Calvary International President Jerry Williamson, who exhorted our training class to plan wisely, counting the cost, before going to the mission field to maximize our success there.

Waiting is scriptural: "What I do, God, is wait for you, wait for my Lord, my God—you will answer!" (Psalm 38:9). And practically speaking, we know quite well that we can't move to the Czech Republic as an acceptable, respectable, legally-registered ministry until we have found partners and formed a consortium of like-minded people, as we did for the Executive Education Programs for Czech and Slovak Business Leaders. That consortium (the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, the University of North Florida, the Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade and the International Leadership Institute) ran very successful, highly complex educational programs for three years, fulfilling our vision of giving busi-

ness leaders from Czechoslovakia a chance to see how business is done in the United States.

We hear from the Lord that we need partners who can help us launch and run a powerful Christian ministry in the Czech Republic, one in which we work alongside Czechs as we reap the harvest from seeds planted by devout Christians so many centuries ago. We are asking the Lord to send us partners who are

Equal partners

Equally committed

Equally surrendered

And equally transparent.

This waiting is paradoxical, full of the normal impatience associated with waiting, yet full of peace in beautiful surroundings as we await the Lord's gift to us of the partners he has ordained. Please pray with us that we do all in His time, in His way and in His will. 

Teaching English & Making Friends for God

The summer of 2006 saw a group of eleven Christians from Jacksonville traveling to Litomerice to work alongside Czech Christians at Dum Krestanske Pomoci Bethel, a center for social services and ministry directed by Martin Okac. Each year since 2004, a team from Celebration Baptist Church in Jacksonville has run a summer English language camp. In addition to all-day intensive lessons in English, the volunteers have the chance to demonstrate their love for Christ with their Czechs students. This year's team was of particular interest to the Institute, as we know quite well three of the volunteers.

Scott and Erica (Lucas) Magdalein [right], Sara's former Providence students, and Katie Bishop of Calvary International of Jacksonville were three of the eleven who spent ten days forming strong and genuine friendships with the Czech students at the camp, giving English lessons and providing a witness of "the normal Christian life," to quote Watchman Nee, great Chinese evangelist.

During those ten days, Scott and Erica became so fascinated with Czech culture, and so close to their new friends, that they plan to live in Litomerice for ten months, beginning in September 2006, assisting Martin at Dum Krestanske Pomoci Bethel. They are believing God for the funds for this exciting experience of being "messengers for God," demonstrating their commitment to the Lord and to the Czechs. 

