

Dear Ones,

Welcome to those who are receiving this for the first time!!

I pray that you all are well and enjoying the Spring. Here in North Georgia, Spring is just about finished. We are looking forward to Summer, and Evan and I are both looking forward to not having school!

We had a wonderful trip around the Southeast from February through March. We got to visit with so many of you. It was very encouraging to our hearts. The Lord graciously keeps reaffirming our call to Prague.

We are getting cautiously excited about returning toward the end of the Summer! The EU (European Union) is talking about working together and allowing visitors. In preparation to go, I got my first dose of the vaccine about a month ago and will get my second dose next week. France and Spain, as long as COVID numbers continue to go down, are expecting to open their borders at the beginning of June. We can hope and pray that Czech Republic will follow!

It has been good to be in the US during this time. I'm getting involved in Children's Ministry and I'm helping plan a Middle School camp. As those roots become deeper it does become harder to leave, but we are ready to go back to Czech Republic and to Prague!

Even though we visited with many of you, there are still many of you with whom we didn't get to visit. One of the benefits of the pandemic is that many churches are recording and/or live streaming services. There are two links below of our time in Chestnut Mountain, Georgia and Lakeland, Florida. I have to let you in on a little behind the scenes as you watch them. I typically just have one outfit I wear every Sunday when we're visiting churches— so it really is two different Sundays!

At Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian Church in Georgia.

We are up first! It goes from the beginning to about the 12 minute mark.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjTIEoil4ik>

At Covenant Presbyterian in Lakeland, Florida.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuMtRNfieg8&t=2969s>

This time we are last – I start at the 38 minute mark. It's also about 12 minutes.

Sometimes your worlds collide. This link is our Pastor from Zlin (Rene Drapala) preaching at our new church in Prague. The sermon starts at 16:46, but the whole service is great! The good news is that our church in Prague translates everything. So while Rene preaches in Czech, it is translated into English.

<https://www.facebook.com/doslova/videos/509215640458283/>

Zlin, Czech Republic is in MTW's Network magazine! It is about Roman – a man from our church there who is the second elder! I'm sending a picture from the current MTW Network magazine and will send the link when it's available.



Thank you all for continuing to pray for us and “our people”!

**Prayer requests:**

- We will be able to return in August, and if not, God will make us content in waiting.
- For God’s direction as far as school for Evan in the Fall of 2021 – whether we will still be here or in Prague
- For housing in Prague
- To be patient in the waiting and for the Lord to prepare our hearts for what He has for us in the coming months.

**Praises:**

- For the ability to get to know more people here and to serve with children and youth
- For a wonderful Bible study for me a-nd youth group for Evan
- For the time Evan and I have been able to be together so much – it’s been really sweet and we’re going to miss it
- For the Lord’s using you to encourage our hearts!
- For the church in Slovakia being able to meet IN PERSON yesterday!

We love you,

*Miriam and Evan*

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