



Neboj! -- Don't fear!

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Luke 2:10 ESV

This is a real tunnel in Prague. I'm not sure if we're coming out of the tunnel or going into it, but either way there is light at the end of it!

Dear Friends,

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING! We know that God always answers all of our prayers, but recently I have seen His hand in answering many specific prayer requests.

Yesterday, as I was looking at the news, I saw this headline....

After a year, Americans can travel to the Czech Republic

<https://www.expats.cz/czech-news/article/coronavirus-update-june-18-2021>

I didn't really believe it. Some other European countries have been opening, but Czech Republic hadn't made any statements about opening. But it's true! **As of June 21, Americans can travel to the Czech Republic.** What wonderful news!! We don't have plane tickets yet, but the tentative plan would be to leave sometime in mid-August – before school starts.

School? Yes, God is answering prayers about school for Evan too. While I think we are headed for Czech school in the future, that didn't seem to be right for this upcoming school year. The deadline for Czech school is in April and May. While the district school is supposed to make a place for students, sometimes that can leave a bad taste in the mouth of the administration – which can have a trickle down effect on the student. It also just seemed very rushed and after a year and a half in the US, Evan's Czech, while still good, is not at the level needed to enter 8th grade in Czech school. A week ago I emailed a friend who works at the Christian International School of Prague (whom I found out recently became the head of admissions). It "turns out" that they have a spot for Evan! He hasn't been officially accepted yet, but I completed the application process yesterday and they don't anticipate any roadblocks. If you want to see more of it you can look here: <http://www.cisprague.org/>. With all the uncertainty coming up, it is wonderful for both of us that Evan will have a such a good place right away! It is a private school, and there will be additional financial needs. If you would like to help with this, please let me know!

In preparing to go to Prague, throughout the spring I scheduled appointments with all the regular doctors. Praise God, overall, I'm healthy. But there have been some issues I have been dealing with since 2013. In light of that, I am having a **hysterectomy on June 30th**. Please pray that it goes well and that I'll be able to return to normal soon. Complete recovery should take 4-6 weeks – and I'm not supposed to carry anything heavier than a gallon of milk during that time! That will make packing 50-pound suitcases interesting! Evan will get lots of weight lifting in!

Ministry opportunities are everywhere! Next week, my sister Karen and I, are holding a **Backyard Bible Camp** in her backyard. We have about 16 kids! Many of them are family members, but two of them are a part of our neighborhood. Please pray for us and the kids. We want them to fully find their identity in Christ and to grow in their love for Him and others. I'm continuing to help with **children's ministry at my local church** as well as help with a **middle school camp** in August. I get to help with the food and crafts.

Please continue to pray and thank the Lord with us

- Pray for DoSlova (our church in Prague) as they are now meeting in person (with masks). During the summer people go to the country and are frequently gone from the city. Pray as we kind-of restart in the Fall.
- Pray for Evan to be accepted to the Christian International School in Prague. Praise the Lord for His guidance.
- Pray for us as we both look forward to Prague and dread the good-byes. It takes generally 1-2 years to become settled into a new place, and we are just there in North Georgia. It's exciting and hard to think about starting over again.
- Pray for housing. There are both houses and apartments available, but there are questions about whether to live close to teammates, school, church, and/or near good public transportation (for visitors). We are praying for three-bedroom housing.
- Pray for my upcoming surgery. Praise the Lord for paving the way for the good timing.
- Praise for our ability to be with family and friends and pray to be able to say good-bye well.
- Praise for the borders opening!!

Thank you for praying and keep praying!

In His love,
Miriam and Evan Grady