



Connection – April 2009

Dear friends,

Another month is gone and here are couple pieces from what happened in Lighthouse church in Vsetín. I hope you will enjoy this and that you will join us in our thankfulness to God for what he has done and is still doing.

Lighthouse English weekend retreat



Most expected moment of March was our regular Lighthouse English retreat. It is part of our 3 month English course. We spend two days together with the students learning English, but also talking about God. It was my first experience with this weekend, but I was thrilled.

There were 25 – 30 people who didn't know Jesus, learning and having fun with us Christians. At the evening we had a little talk about stereotypes and how many people in Czech have stereotyped Christians and that we would encourage people to explore God for themselves. This opened a lot of great discussions with all most of the people that came.

I have seen a great potential for building friendships with these people who love to come and be with us. We are expecting Johan and Mindy to come and help us with this. I have also seen some great things happening this last week when some of the Lighthouse people invited some of the students and had a movie night. This Sunday we are going to have first of many barbecues with some of the students.



We would like to have a youth group

As a Lighthouse church we pray and work to start a youth group. Today after months of reach out (sport club Atletico and girl's club) three girls started to visit Sunday service and some boys from soccer team is meeting regularly with one of our leaders. They talk about God and the gospel. We would like to see 50 young people – strong youth group – in our church. Please pray for strong core of this group and for young people to get to know Jesus.

What else happened?



On March 1st I was officially introduced as a new pastor of Lighthouse church. Traditionally this has been called installation so we made a little joke. We like to laugh. We had a great service with prayers for our ministry.

New family had moved to Vsetin. Jirka and Majka had been part of Lighthouse for some time, but they lived in other city. In January they bought apartment and started renovation and moved in last weekend. It was great that the whole church was helping with renovation and moving. People really care for each other.

What is a head of us in the near future and what we can pray for:

- On Easter we will have Good Friday service and traditional Sunday barbecue celebration. We would like to see a lot of new people come for both of these.
- For English courses (February to April), students, teachers.
- During the 2008/09 school year we desire to start up a youth group. Brad and Lucie visit schools, started a club, and the youth group is at its beginning. We will also prepare summer camp for them.
- We are in process of some changes in the church. It is due to the size of the church. We can see that some of the things that worked before won't work now. Please pray for us, when we are trying to find out how to organize and structure our church. We are also looking for new ways how to help people to connect in small groups.
- We are looking for the best way how to renovate soccer field we have rented. There are many things that we need to solve before we start. Our main question is how big of a renovation we need to make.
- We long to see new believers around us.

Thank you for your friendship and help, with love,

Lighthouse Church