

Hello from Curt, Vicky and Jair Mobley,

It has been awhile since we've check in with all of you. It seems like a lot has happened and then nothing has happened at all. When you are adapting to a new culture, little things seem monumental and you are glad when you get to do a little "normal" work. So this is what our lives consist of in the New Year:

Language

Classes: We still attend 3 classes a week for 3 hours each day. The teacher is now explaining things primarily in Czech.



She used to speak in English. Several students left the class and a few "experienced" students joined, and consequently the level of the class has upped a notch. We are keeping up but finding the work harder.

Our Czech class. Vicky on the left in red. The teacher is second from the right.

Language Helpers: We now have language helpers to help us at home. Sunday evening, one neighbor comes and talks with us for a couple of hours. Monday afternoon a university student drops by and helps us then stays for dinner. Wednesday another university student comes in the afternoon to work with Jair and then with us. These helpers are really instructive and we have developed a good relationship with them.

Church: We've been attending a Czech church near our home. We intentionally chose this church because there are no other Americans there and very few English speakers. Sunday morning sermon and hymns are all in Czech. Wednesday evenings we go to Bible study at the church and then we sing with the choir. This is a great way to learn pronunciation, although it is strange to sing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus in Czech. Thursday morning I attend a Czech ladies' Bible study. We feel we understand about 10% of the conversations at church. Slowly but surely it is getting into our old brains.

Team

Czech Summit: In June in Minneapolis, there will be a Czech Summit. Some of our team members and our Czech partners will be there to explain Czech history and its spiritual condition, to share what God is doing in Czech Republic, to express what the needs are and how you can be involved. YOU ARE INVITED. If you would like more information, contact the associate pastor at Trinity EFC, Brian Harris, at 952-469-6238.

Save the date for the
Czech Summit
June 21-22, 2009
Trinity EFC, Lakeville, MN

Learn what is happening in the Czech
Republic and how you can help!



Videos: Curt has been working hard for the last few months managing the creation of a team video and he is generating ideas with some team members concerning family videos to be used at the Czech Summit. As he works with a professional videographer in the States, Curt is learning new software and hardware. He's enjoying it very much.

Website: Curt is also working on developing a Prague website where we can post short-term project needs, updates and prayer requests. We'll let you know when that is up and running.

Family

Finances: With the improvement in the exchange rate, our support is stretching out nicely. We're aware that the economy is hurting some of you and have felt some repercussions, but otherwise we are blessed and managing well. Some of our team members are not doing as well. So we ask that you pray for our team mates because their needs affect all of us and our ministries.

Life: We are enjoying our apartment, life without a car (metro is wonderful) and walks in crisp spring weather. We've seen some beautiful countryside, interesting historical sites and lovely people. Our thin Texan blood had to adjust to a long winter season but it was bearable. We enjoyed showing off our home to Vicky's parents when they visited us February for 10 days. We count ourselves privileged to be here to serve the Lord.

Communication: We would like to improve our communication with you all. We plan to send specific prayer requests once a month and a longer update like this one every quarter. Would you let us know what information would be most helpful to you? We don't want to flood you with emails but we do want to stay in touch. *By the way, we love the responses back from you—especially information about what your family is doing and planning. It gives us a chance to pray for you.*



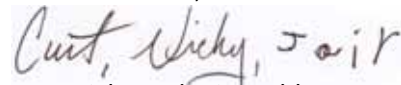
Jair with Rachel Becker, our team mates' daughter, on the ice

Prayer Requests

So now you've heard what responsibilities take up most of our days. Here is how you can be a part of our everyday life.

- Pray for our language to continue to improve. Pray for the ability to "think" in Czech.
- Pray for our language helpers and teachers (Radka, Tereza, Gabina, Anna, and Martin). Most of them are not believers but pray with us for opportunities to share the Gospel with them and encourage them.
- Pray for our team to work in unity and to honor God with our time and plans. *We have a great, supportive team and like to keep it that way!*
- Pray for more workers to come to this field.
- Pray for Curt's work on the videos and website.
- Pray for Vicky as she seeks to be a good wife and mother while she's studying. She also has one Algebra I student. Pray for the success of her student.
- Pray for Jair to trust God for the future and not give in to fear or frustration.
- Praise God with us for our faithful supporters and the provision of everyday needs.
- Praise God with us for the opportunity to see Him at work in our team and in the lives of people around us.

With much love,


Curt, Vicky and Jair Mobley

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