

The Means to Get To the



the Gospel Czech People

Visa

We had a visa appointment in Skopje, Macedonia on August 22nd. When we got there, they looked at our paperwork and then told us that they wanted more. So, I go back on Sept 9th for the appointment. Please pray that everything goes smoothly with the travel and especially that the application will be accepted.

Travels

We spent a little time in North Macedonia for the visa appointment. There, we were able to go to the church that missionary Jason Mann has started. Unfortunately, he too is having visa problems and was not there, but we were able to meet the people who are holding down the fort while he is away. They have a young man, Besim, who has been coming to their English Club and then to game nights, and has just started attending the church services. So, after services, I sought him out and had a good conversation with him about the Gospel and answered some questions for him. At the end, I asked him if he had any more questions and he told me that he needed to process what we had talked about because he had never heard any of it before.

On the 1st of September, we flew back to the Czech Republic. Makayla's school started on the 2nd, and I had a conference on evangelism in Europe in Prague from the 2nd through the 5th. It was very interesting to hear how different the challenges are across Europe, but also how many similar struggles that there are. I left it taking the ideas that we think can work in our context. The idea was not just in how to talk to people, but the focus is on how to multiply those who don't just take the Gospel for themselves, but who also will continue giving it to others.

While in Prague, I was able to speak with a few people about Christ. It is very common when talking to Czechs about the Gospel to have them tell you that they have never met a Christian in their life. With just under 2% of Czechs claiming to be Christian, I cannot believe that this is true, but it does show two things. First, most Czechs do not even know the first thing about what Christians believe beyond what they may see in the media. Second, the Czech Christians need to be trained to share their faith and to not be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ.

A few people we talked with were willing to take my contact information, thought there is only one young man who is responding. He is an atheist, but is curious and has non-argumentative questions that he is asking. He is studying math and physics and so we have a similar mindset and I hope that God will use me to point him to the truth. Another conversation that I had was with a young man from Syria. He claimed at first to be a believer, and I was not sure if that meant Christian or Muslim, but he was unsure of his eternal destination and thought himself unworthy of Heaven, so we began the conversation with the fact that you cannot earn eternal life. As the conversation continued, we found out that he is Muslim, and so we switched from the classic western presentation of the Gospel, and used the method that I trained in over the summer in on witnessing to Muslims. The conversation was good and he put my number in his phone, but he has not followed up with me yet.

Home Front

Quick update on Steele. He had an MRI and it was found that he has Chiari malformation which is a structural defect where the lower part of the brain pushes down into the upper spinal column. Lisa has also dealt with this, but it appears that his is a different type. While this is not an exciting diagnosis, I personally have hope that getting treatment for this can at least help him to start improving his quality of life, as it has been very poor the last month.

Prayer Requests

- * Steele's medical treatment
- * Visas process
- * Outreach Efforts
- * Salvation of Ivana, Helena, and Marek, Jan, Adam, and Besim

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