



BWM NEWS

As the Father has sent me, so I send you. John 20:21b



Visit to Czech Republic to Learn about Ministry Through Business

In March Tom Harberg and Justin Rabbach traveled to the Czech Republic to attend the first business conference being held by the Czech Province. This conference offered an opportunity to learn about the unique way congregations are starting businesses in order to reach their communities and fund their growing ministries.

After the conference Tom and Justin spent a week visiting these sites and learned about the variety of businesses such as: Coffee Roasting, Cafes, Youth Clubs, Woodworking, a Handyman business, second hand stores, and a bakery! Lots learned that can be shared with local and global partners!



Czech Moravian Church Flips Script with Life Camp

When a camp came up for sale in the town of Nove Mesto, a small town in the North of the Czech Republic near the Polish border, Pastor Jan felt there was a great opportunity for ministry!

The only problem was the congregation did not have the funds available at the time to make a down payment. However, as Pastor Jan described, "if it is God's will, then God will help you find a way to pay the bill!" This idea takes on even more meaning when you hear how the congregation received the funds it needed....

During a joint worship service of the Moravian Church in Nove Mesto and a Roma congregation that uses their space in the afternoon, one of the members told Pastor Jan he had a dream that someone had come and dumped gold coins at his feet, and to him, this was a sign that the congregation would get the funds they needed for the camp. Less than two weeks later, Pastor Jan got a call from a man who had heard of the churches hope to buy the camp. He shared that he had saved some money in order to be able to support a project just like



Nova Paka Hotel

The congregation that started it all: Nova Paka. This congregation in the Czech Republic was the host site to an Antioch Servant, Sylvie Hauser in 2015. If someone is looking to serve in the future, there is still lots of ways to jump in and help! Starting with a second hand store, the congregation started to grow their business outreach through a school, a cafe and a coffee roasting business. Then, last year, they took a leap of faith, and bought a hotel in the town square!

This building was unused for nearly a decade, and the town government offered it at a reasonable price to the church, hoping they could build on the positive outreach their other endeavors offered the community. The grand ballroom pictured above is just one of the spaces available to the community to host events and be enriched by the ministry of this congregation. Let the BWM know if you would like to learn more about this awesome project!

this. When Pastor Jan went to collect the offered donation, the man paid... in Gold Coins!

After the purchase, the church learned that during WWII the camp had been used as a staging point by the Nazis sending people to Auschwitz and other concentration camps. Because this was the last stop before concentration camps it earned the nickname "death factory". With the plans to turn the camp into a location where they can witness to the life possible through Christ, they have re-Christened the camp the "Life Factory".



The camp, with space for 250 people, is working to remodel all of the cabins and program buildings. This summer will be the second year they are offering English camps, which provide an opportunity for American mission teams to engage with Czech youth, and share their Christian perspective.

Plans for the future include working with school groups and hosting retreats. Profits from this ministry help to support the other ongoing community ministries of the congregation!

Prayers

- Please pray for the ongoing work of the medical clinic in Ahuas, Honduras. Offer prayers for the medical staff of the clinic as they offer life giving services, and for the administrative staff as they continue under the guidance of Rick Nelson, seeking best practices for this ministry.
- Pray for mission teams preparing to travel this summer and witness to their faith through word and deed.
- Pray for the upcoming district synods in the Northern Province, and for the election of new representatives to the Board of Directors of the Board of World Mission.

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