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Until the whole world hears...

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.* For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be *able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*”

Romans 8:35-39

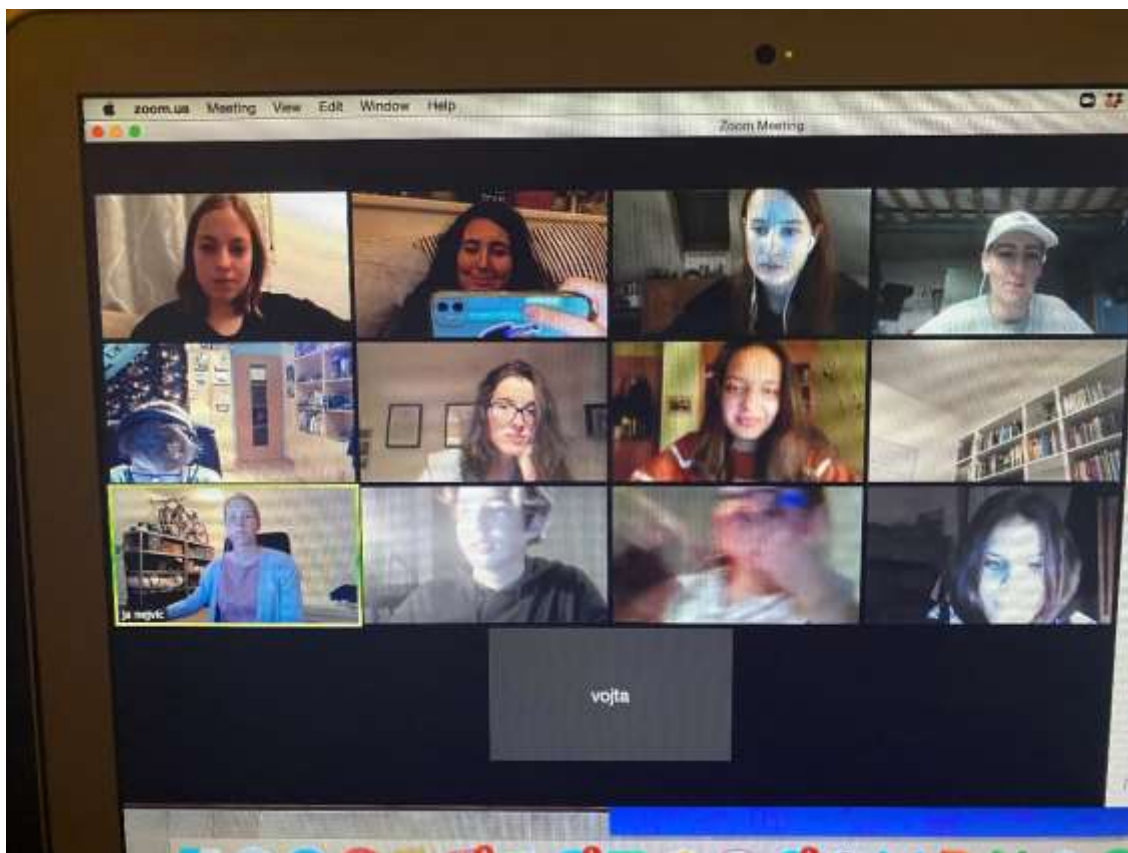
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“Co nás oddělí od Kristovy lásky? Snad soužení, úzkost nebo pronásledování, hlad, nahota, nebezpečí nebo meč? Jak je psáno: „Pro tebe nás zabíjejí v kteroukoli chvíli, za ovce na porážku mají nás.“ *V tom všem ale skvěle vítězíme skrze Toho, který nás miluje!* Jsem si jist, že smrt ani život, andělé ani démoni, věci přítomné ani budoucí, žádná moc, výšina ani hlubina ani nic jiného v celém stvoření *nás nemůže oddělit od Boží lásky v Kristu Ježíši, našem Pánu!*”

Římanům 8:35-39



This school/ministry year started out pretty "normal" as we were able to have meetings and events regularly and without restrictions on numbers! Then we moved to smaller group restrictions, schools closed and having to wear masks in public. Now we are back on a lockdown in the Czech Republic, having to wear masks all the time, restriction of no more than two households being together at a time, all stores closed besides essentials, and strong caution against any activity that isn't essential. So, as you can imagine it's been an interesting semester so far of ministry *but God* has been present and I have felt His love sustain me and have been reminded of His love for these Czech students I love so deeply.



zoom, procházky, a věrný Bůh stále se objevuje!

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zoom, walks and a faithful God still showing up!

Even amidst all the craziness that this semester has brought for both ministry and personal life I am enjoying it still. I feel like God had opened doors for ministry opportunities I was excited about and graciously they're able to continue just in different ways now during lockdown. I'm sad about a lot of the losses of ministry opportunities as things have been pushed back to online and students are less eager to meet online than they are to meet up in person. But God has continued to have students show up to online meetings, to continue to deepen friendships and have good conversations!

One of the most exciting things and clear ways I have seen God working during this ministry year has been our Alpha Course. This is a course that focuses on the basics of Christianity with interactive videos and discussion designed for seekers or new believers. We began the course in person before the lockdown and were able to meet twice, sharing dinner beforehand and getting to know each other better as a whole group. We're grateful for this because now as we meet on zoom each week the students feel comfortable to discuss and engage with each other even though it's over video. I have been blown away by how open to the Gospel these students are, we have 6 regularly attending and they are diving deep into questions about what having a relationship with Jesus would mean for them, what is the role of prayer in their lives, what the Bible says and its importance/validity. Each week Jovanka and I are so excited to see how God is working in their hearts and minds to move closer to trusting Jesus. Please join us in praying that God would continue to work in their hearts, that He would call them into relationship with themselves and they would truly

have faith! (Ondřej, Vojta, Adela, Nikita, Lucka, Anastasia) **Pray with us** that they would begin a relationship with Jesus through this Alpha Course and then desire to participate as partial leaders in future Alpha Courses so they can share their faith with their friends and classmates!

Another aspect of ministry I'm grateful for this semester, pictured below, is teaching conversational English classes at a high school Jana Keplera. Partnering with this teacher, Katerina, has been an encouragement to me as I've seen her grow in her faith and desire for her students to know God as well. I was able to teach each class twice in person before we moved to online learning which was helpful because I've at least met all of the students in person now. During these lessons I choose a topic that I think they will engage with and try to help them express their opinions and thought process behind what they think. Although the official purpose of the class is to help with their English I have found that they have grown in their ability to express themselves which is a skill they are growing in not just in English but in Czech as well, because it isn't very common to do so in their culture. Recently after one of the classes I asked Katerina how I could be praying for her and the students and she initiated that we need to be praying for their souls, for them to seek truth and find answers in God. I was so excited to hear her say this because of course this is why I desire to know these students and what my prayers are for them; but it is so encouraging to see her heart towards them shift from just being their teacher to truly desiring life in God for each of them. She also mentioned that she has seen growth in their ability to share their thoughts and opinions--**praise God! Please join us in praying** for these students and for them to be curious about spiritual things! I am hopeful that when limitations from Covid are lessened I will be able to gather with some of the students from

these classes outside of school and continue to grow in friendship with them, having more opportunities to share the Gospel with them.



I decided to share with you a highlight of one of the students I have gained so much joy from over the past few months! I met Maruška last January when she started coming to Fusion (the modern high school choir I help with). She didn't really know anyone so she was eager to talk with me and we quickly formed a friendship. Last spring we continued to talk often during quarantine over messenger and during Fusion zoom calls, then she came to camp this summer and we grew much closer during that week. Maru is so open with me about her life, sharing joys and asking for advice, as well as sharing her doubts about God but that she is intrigued by faith. I'm a strong believer in long term ministry being effective because I have the time to invest in someone's life, to take the time to get to know them and truly do life alongside them even before they are a believer and Maru is such a good example of why I want to be here for the process. During our lockdown in the spring I began making clay earrings and Maruška was interested in it too; she asked me if we could sell them at a market together and she helped me set it up! This was such a fun way to get good time with her, to meet her family and interact with them, and to learn more about Czech culture through the time we spent together planning and at the market. The pictures below show us at the market in September and then on a

recent walk around the city now that we're in lockdown again. I'm encouraged by this friendship and hopeful of how God will work in her life in the coming years not because she's signed up for all the right things or indicated she wants to know Jesus, but because she knows I love her and she knows I believe God loves her too.

Please pray with me as I grow and invest in our friendship that Maru would also believe that God loves her, and desire to have a relationship with Him! People often tell us we look like and act like sisters--and I'm hopeful that one day we will be sisters in Christ!





When I tell you that I'm full of joy even in the midst of this difficult season (for all of us not just me!) it's honestly true. There are the occasional nights that I'm bored or frustrated that I'm just sitting in my flat again doing the same things. But God, He is present and I so clearly see Him working in the opportunities and friendships He's given me. Below is sweet sweet Sára; we met this summer at one of the camps I helped at. She is 17 and so passionate about Jesus! It's so encouraging to see her ask questions and seek to grow in her faith; and it's so fun for me to be able to use some skills or resources that I don't get to often as I'm mainly working with non-believers. Spending time with Sára is refreshing and I think she encourages me just as much if not more than I encouraged her. We are spending this semester meeting each week to

dig deep into identity in Christ, how to live a Spirit-filled life, and studying what God's heart is for us and for the world. **Please join me in praying** that God will bless our time together and that He would protect Sára's faith, that she would be able to impact the lives of those around her with the love of Christ!



I have been encouraged also by the time I've been able to spend with friends outside! Below is a picture of me on a trip to Karlovy Vary, another town in the Czech Republic with some of my closest friends from church. Then the second picture is from a hike in Czech Switzerland with Emma and Ryan (who's wedding I was in this past summer) on a national holiday. All of the fall colors, long talks, and being active have brought me joy and helped keep me sane :)





Please let me know ways I can be praying for you! I would love to connect with you!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Děkuji, děkuji, děkuji!



Prayer Requests and Praises:

Weekly schedule:

Join me in praying that Jovanka and I can use our time wisely. Some days my schedule is just as full as "normal" life, whereas other days I struggle to find things to do because of the limitations we have right now. Pray that I would be able to invest well in the friendships I have with students even if it's just over messenger (my written Czech is getting better and better haha) as well as how to use some of the "down time" wisely to develop other skills that are helpful for ministry and life here.





Language: Please continue to pray for my language to develop through listening and comprehending, as I read in Czech, and for strength in conversations or leading events in Czech! My main goal right now is to gain **vocabulary**--sometimes I can be completely fine in a conversation and then all of a sudden be lost because I don't know a word that was used or I cannot think of a way to describe what I want to say because I don't know the vocabulary.

Finances:

Pray that God would continue to provide what is needed to serve full time and long term in Prague. Thank you all for your contributions, you are making an eternal impact through your partnership with me as we pursue the Great Commission.

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