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Why me? Coming Up

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## **A month of "Why me?"**

Sometimes "why me" can be asked in a very positive way - we are blessed in some unexpected way, receive an opportunity, or are humbled to hear how God has been at work through you....

At other times, "why me" can be more of a lament - things are not going as planned, there are unexpected hardships and you wish things were easier....

This has been a month of both, not only for myself, but for our entire family.

First the blessings:

For Terry it has been a month of fruitful equipping - whether equipping team leaders in Slovenia, or co-leading the youth ministry track at the European Leadership Forum (ELF), equipping other track leaders there and giving afternoon lectures, or running a leadership weekend for 30 leaders for a disciple-making church in Lithuania, it has been a wonderful month of "why my? I am so

blessed I get to do this!

There were many conversations in which Terry heard from participants and leaders the impact of his work - in Lithuania last weekend, the pastor of the church he was working with told him "you are here in Lithuania for the first time, but God has been using you to transform our church for over five years through your investment in our youth leaders!".

Hanka has also had some great moments - an overnight hike with some of her students, time with her drama club, and receiving the opportunity to study in Dublin for 2 weeks at the end of the summer, there have been some great moments and reasons to thank God....

Our church Fusion choir had a concert last week - Miša played bass, drums, conducted AND sung a solo (the solo was a surprise for us!).







## And the struggles...

Sam broke his finger playing basketball last month, which means he could not play handball and missed some important games. Just as his finger was getting better.... he badly sprained his foot! Which means he still cannot play. His team are in the national championship finals next weekend and he's desperately hoping he will get to play....

Our car insurance problem still hasn't been solved. (last month a young driver reversed into our car causing a lot of damage - although he signed the form admitting fault, a week later he changed his mind and his insurance company is believing his side of the story). We have now involved our own insurance company, but the process has been long (2 months now) and stressful.

Hanka has been feeling very sick this month, but the doctor cannot work out why. Sam was also sick the night before Terry headed to Lithuania.

As usual, there are problems at home when Terry travels - last night our basement was flooded. Hanka's brother helped clean up, but it is another reminder that we are in a spiritual battle! Please be praying for protection for Hanka and the children during the 3 weeks Terry is in USA!

Please also be praying for our Ukrainian community - 2 key members of the community have both been diagnosed with cancer this past month - one of them has a severe form that cannot be treated in the Czech Republic. Thankfully a hospital in USA has agreed to treat her at no cost - so a true blessing in time of hardship!









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## Coming Up

Terry is in USA for 3 weeks. This week he is in Wheaton where he is running a leadership workshop for a Christian organisation, and will give a lecture for a

summer graduate program before heading to other parts of USA to meet with friends and supporters. He also has a heavy school schedule this month with the Wheaton Master's program he is attending.

Hanka and the kiddos are very busy ending the school year - Hanka's English drama group have another performance next week.

Hopefully Sam will get to play in his handball championship next weekend, and the first week in July Míša and Sam head off to our local church Fusion camp.

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## **Please pray for....**

- Health and protection (especially for Hanka and the children while Terry travels)
- A fruitful time in USA for Terry
- Wisdom as more doors open for potential partnerships in the future
- For the 2 Ukrainian ladies, Irene and Luda.