



18.9.2024 - Flooding, Ostrava Sings Gospel, Hanka's back

Severe Flooding

Last Sunday I was supposed to fly to USA to run some workshops for a company that has a great Gospel-centric impact, however, I am still home. Why?

Last weekend the Czech Republic (and other parts of central Europe) experienced extreme "once in a hundred years" flooding. While some towns and cities ended up 80% under water, Ostrava was relatively fortunate in that "only" 20% has been flooded, including the bottom of our street. Much of the city was left with no power, and many people still don't have access to hot water.

Our own basement was flooded a little, but all things considered, we have been very fortunate. We anticipated the flooding, so moved all our carpets and furniture to higher levels. The biggest inconvenience is that we have to rebuild our foundation as the flooding happened came from ground water, rather than via a river. Even that is fortunate as the water was clean - I spent Monday cleaning out a friend's house who was not so fortunate, and together we threw away a van full of destroyed furniture.

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The flooding is now receding but many roads and rail lines are still closed. More importantly, thousands of people are currently homeless, and repairing the infrastructure will take months. Please be praying for wisdom for those leading the rescue and rebuilding efforts, and for those less fortunate than us! Also give thanks that during this hard time so many people have volunteered homes and help for those who had to be evacuated from flooded areas.

Today the sun is shining and there is no more danger of flooding, so tonight I will head to USA via Poland - the journey to the airport usually takes an hour, but it will take much longer as key roads are still flooded.

The photos below are: our basement, the bottom of our street, a neighbourhood 3 miles from us, and the motorway to Poland.



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Ostrava Sings Gospel

Many people have asked what will happen to the Gospel choir with our new ministry focus. The answer is - it will go from strength to strength! This year I will continue to introduce more conductors - not because I intend to "move on", but to model taking more of the focus away from me and onto other members of our church community, which we are convinced in the long run will lead to a bigger Gospel impact.

In the meantime, this Thursday we are opening up registration for the choir. It is usually full within minutes, so please be praying for those who will be with us this year, and that God will be preparing the hearts and minds for people to hear His Gospel message. Our theme this year? Joy and faith in suffering - a little topical given what our country is going through this week!



Please keep praying for Hanka's back!

Hanka had a good bus trip to England last week, but the 24hr bus journey home triggered more pain in her back so she was bed-bound for much of the weekend. Tomorrow she will go for x-rays to try to find the cause of the pain - please pray for her as she continues to teach (she refuses to stay home even though the doctor has suggested it), and that the medical staff will find the problem - and the solution!

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Terry had a very diverse week - preparing for workshops in USA, creating web pages (not finished yet!), zooming and meeting with clients and church leaders from Bosnia, Lithuania, USA and Czech, prepping for the Gospel choir, and doing some work for 2 Ostrava companies (not to mention writing more essays for the Masters in Leadership class). Needless to say, he's looking forward to 10hrs he can spend resting on the plane tomorrow!

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Please pray for...

-) Wisdom as we seek to launch a new ministry well
-) Impactful workshops in Chicago
-) Hanka's back!

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Once again, thank you so much for your prayers and support this year. It means so much for our family and this movement of God. Thank you for being a part of it!

God Bless!

The English Family
Terry, Hanka, Míša and Sammy