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Many doors open...

7The first week of "what's next".....

Starting a new business or organization is a lot of work, and we are on a steep learning curve to make sure we start well and faithfully - including ensure quality time together as a family! We have been very blessed that so many people have reached out to offer advice and expertise, and by the encouragement we have had from people as they hear about our future ministry plans.

As we have already shared, our vision is walk alongside organizations as Leadership and Organizational Development Guides. We plan to focus on leaders and organizations that are either growing fast and need help developing new leadership and organizational systems and structures, or those with a great vision or mission who are feeling a little "stuck" in how to fulfil them, and in particular people/organizations that are:

1. Christian leaders and ministries (our main focus)
2. For profit companies run by Christians, who see their staff and customers as a unique mission field

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2. For profit companies or organizations who offer a valuable service to their communities (either via their product or their resources, such as a percentage of their profit or staff time)

We will call ourselves "**EnterL**", with the tagline "**Love Growing Your Organization**".

Why EnterL? Hanka thought of the word "Enter" - it's a play on Terry's name (**EnglishTerry**) and easy to remember in any language. L = "leadership" AND "love".

Why Love? Well, we trust that through working alongside us, people will not only love growing their organizations, but also understand the key to strong, healthy growth IS love - Loving God, and Loving their Neighbour (love for their staff/volunteers, their stakeholders and their communities).

Our original plan was to spend September focusing on getting up and running (web pages, accounting systems, marketing etc.), but it seems God had other plans, and we have been blessed to already have a number of people and organizations who we will already start to serve in the coming weeks and months - for some running one-off leadership development workshops, for others walking alongside longer term. These include:

- J Helping a fast-growing company that runs back office and accounting for 250 Christian non profit organizations and churches develop an impactful corporate leadership culture and pipeline.
- J Guiding a US-founded global disciple making organization as they seek to restructure to empower leaders in different continents to grow their ministries without growing a large central office in USA.
- J Running Leadership Challenge workshops for 20 national leaders of a pan-African ministry that equips churches to focus on disciple making, and then helping integrate a strong leadership culture and pipeline in 5 of their largest country ministries.
- J Walking alongside a local software company that is growing fast to develop systems and structures to facilitate their growth while keeping their "unique" company DNA. This particular company is special to me for many reasons, not least being the CEO used to attend our youth ministry and is now a member of our church elder board. I have already run some "healthy corporate and team culture" workshops through which I have not only been able to share my faith as the reason for the hope I have, but also share that much of what I was teaching also applies to other significant relationships at home. Yesterday the sales director called me at the request of his team to ask me to run a half day "living your best life" workshop for them - they have been putting into practice what I shared at home, seen the impact, and want to know more....
- J The regional government has asked me to co-operate with them as they seek to work with school administrations and students to introduce a healthier leadership culture in schools - I will start with a Student Leadership Challenge workshop in December for students from 3 selected schools.

This is a strong start for a new ministry, and we will continue to share news and stories of who we

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are partnering with, but the truth is our capacity is much stronger than our current list of people/organizations we are serving - so if you know of a ministry or organization that could benefit from our experience, or have any questions, please reach out to me by replying to this mail! :>)



27 years of serving in the Czech Republic - the journey so far....

While last Friday marked our last day as official Josiah Venture missionaries, the next day, Saturday, was the 27th anniversary of Terry moving to the Czech Republic - so it was fitting that this week also marks the next chapter of our calling.

It has been amazing and humbling to see how God has guided us through this time, from leading a small local ministry, to a large local ministry, and then a much wider international impact, not only in the area of youth ministry but also organisational and leadership development both within Josiah Venture and also guiding other ministries.

We have also loved having a local impact, through Hanka's teaching, our local church and Ostrava Sings Gospel - which Terry will of course continue to lead (though these days he is sharing much more leadership responsibility and ownership with a wider group of Czech leaders).

So, we are looking forward to the next 27 years of serving both in Ostrava, and internationally.

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Thank you Jesus!



Pray for Hanka as she leads a school trip to UK

Tomorrow Hanka will get on a bus with 45 students for a week study trip to UK. This past 2 months she has experienced serious back pain, so please be praying the 26hr bus journey will be pain free! Please also pray that she and the other teacher (who is also a member of our church) will have some great conversations with the students during the week.

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Please pray for....

-) Wisdom as we seek to launch a new ministry well.
-) Hanka's school trip - a healthy back and great conversations!