

# English Family 1 minute Update

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Up and Running, Ostrava Sings Gospel, Hanka's back

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## **Up and running**

We have started many organizations in the past, but none needed to be "up and running" as fast as launching this whole new life and ministry! It has been a whirlwind with a lot of lessons learned as we go. Some of the people we have been walking alongside this past couple of weeks include:

Global Disciplemaking Initiative ([globaldi.org](http://globaldi.org)) - I am walking alongside them

as they vision cast and restructure for future growth. For now I have been zoom-coaching with the 2 founders, but later this month I will be leading a 3 day "vision/strategy casting" retreat near Orlando for their board and some key leaders.

A "business as mission" company that runs the financial back office for over 250 Christian organisations (including Josiah Venture!) - they have grown a lot in the past year so I am running leadership development workshops for current and newly-promoted managers (see photos below)

2 companies in Ostrava. One has asked me to run a "Living your best life" workshop for their sales team. When I told them most of the principles I would be teaching come from the Bible, their sales director (not yet saved!) said "I think that's fantastic - can you actually tell them all it's from the Bible, I think they need to know that".

I also had the opportunity to attend one day of the Josiah Venture fall conference - it was great to run into many old friends, and spend more quality time with church leaders from Bosnia and Lithuania that I have been investing in for a long time.

As well as these meetings, we have been creating web pages - the first version of the "commercial" facing web page is done (enterl.org), in 2 weeks the "ministry facing" pages (Centerl.org) should also be complete - more workshop templates and, of course, continuing the Wheaton College Masters in Leadership course.





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## Ostrava Sings Gospel

Two weeks ago we opened up registration, and then closed it again 17minutes later when we already had a waiting list of almost 50 people. While we are always happy when new people join the choir (we love the opportunity to share the Gospel with new people!) it is very painful when some "long standing" members somehow don't sign up fast enough - we are then faced with a week of painful conversations.

Even so, it is exciting that this ministry still seems to be going from strength to strength - and even last week we heard of another person who accepted Christ after reading through one of the Bibles we give away at our concerts! We are excited to see what God will be doing in the hearts and minds of the choir and audience members. The first rehearsal will be November 4th, and the concerts are December 7-8. For those of you with Spotify, here's what we will be singing - the theme is "JOY AND HOPE AT ALL TIMES".

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5NbFtNbpCfoLdz0I4YTz81?si=3c9579b5a5>

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## **Please keep praying for Hanka's back!**

We now know that Hanka has a trapped nerve in her back. The pain is ongoing and some days she cannot sit - but still hobbles to school every day! We are looking into various treatments right now - please be praying for wisdom and open doors as we look for a long term solution!

Through the pain, she continues to teach and spend time after school investing in her students.

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## **Coming Up**

Later today Terry is zooming with a director from a global missions coalition to discuss plans for creating a group of global "super coaches" to walk alongside new and growing ministry organizations.

Tomorrow and Wednesday he is running an online "Mastering Effective Communication" workshop for a global company that makes heart values -

not much opportunity to share the Gospel, but certainly a cause worth investing time in!

On Friday he will be at the British Embassy in Prague - he has been invited to be a mentor/coach for young up and coming Czech leaders in a program sponsored by the Embassy, and Friday is a "training day" for new mentors. Next week the Wheaton Masters program has a "residential" session here in the Czech Republic.

Hanka continues to teach, and has started studying to be a Careers Counsellor in her school. She is once again running the school's Advent concert and is also starting to put that together.

Misa was sick all last week, but today is back at school. This Saturday the band she plays bass in will be running a "Workshop Night" for our church.

Sam continues to love playing handball (and spend as much time on his computer as we let him - which is apparently much less than all his other friends are allowed! :>0 )

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

- J Continued wisdom as we seek to launch a new ministry well - this month is a shock lesson in financial planning - it's not cheap to start something new, and not all clients pay their invoices on time :>0
- J Hanka's back!
- J For Gospel opportunities during workshops