

WENDEL WATCH

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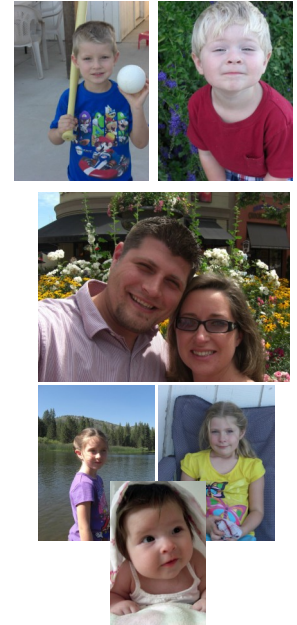
Be strong, and of a good courage Joshua 1:9



The kiddos are all growing strong and happy! We are so blessed!

Joshua 1:9 *Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.*

As Joshua and Israel peered over Jordan ready to enter into the promised land they received this tremendous promise from our God. This is the same promise that we carry today as it is repeated for us in Hebrews 13:5. God will be with us wherever we go. What a tremendous encouragement! And one that we so desperately need. It wasn't as if the promised land was unoccupied, and would be taken freely by God's people. It was full of enemies and obstacles. For this very reason the generation prior would not go in. But under Joshua's leadership the people found the courage to proceed forth, even though it wouldn't be easy. The only condition placed upon their success was their obedience. We too, seek to be obedient in our lives and in our plans and directions. We continue to lack only a minor percentage of financial support in order to return to ministry in the Czech Republic. We trust in God's timing and are busy at work making new connections for support, ministering at Madera Baptist Church, and taking care of necessary preparations for our return (doctors, dentistry, visas etc.). Would you, our vital partners in this ministry, earnestly pray for the financial support that we need to return? Your prayers on behalf of this ministry are our greatest resource!



Prayer Points

- Monthly Committed financial support. We need more partners.
- Logistical issues with Visa to be worked out.
- God's timing for our return, and more to the point, our peace with that.
- God's blessing and provision for our already committed supporters.

A Czech on the doorstep (AKA opportunity knocks)



A knock on the front door prompted my attention last month. I opened it to find a young man with a sales pitch but speaking with a familiar foreign accent. I couldn't help but smile, and he noticed saying, "Why are you smiling?" I replied, "Odkud jste?(Where are you

from)" He nearly came out of his shoes and said, "You speak Czech!" The young man was working the summer in California as a door to door salesman. Regrettably, we had no need for the books he was selling, but we were able to enjoy a cold drink with him on our patio over a fine conversation. God sometimes provides these small encouragements to us, that buoy

our enthusiasm for our return. How we miss the lovely conversations with our neighbors over coffee and tea outdoors in the evenings.

More than an encouragement however, we've also managed to make an acquaintance that has offered his help to us upon our return. We look forward to possibly reconnecting with Pavel when we get back to Czech.

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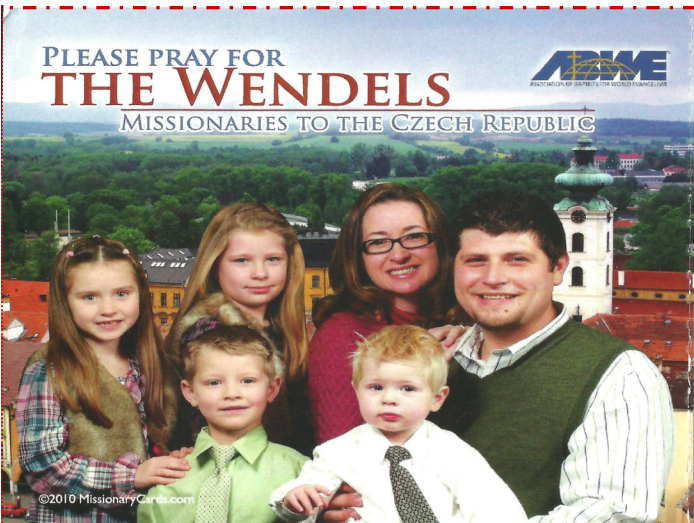
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Here Am I, Send Me! And He Said, "Go, and tell this People."

Believers Without Religion?

Perhaps by now many of you know that the Czech Republic is the **most atheistic nation in the world**. But sometimes labels are misleading... One teacher, Richard Smith, after discussions with his class, had decided that instead of a country full of atheists, the Czech Republic is rather a **"nation full of believers without religion, by atheists by habit and not of conviction."** He surmises that many are in fact closet theists, because they are asking the question, **"Who is this God that I don't believe in?"**

We are ready to return to the Czech Republic. Our sentiments today are very plain. While it has been needful that we be in California over this past year, we are ready to return to the ministry and calling that God has **engraved on our hearts**. There were many who suspected that we might face a change of direction after the events of this year, and we too questioned whether we should consider another avenue of ministry. However, it has become only **increasingly clearer** that both our hearts and God's leading in our lives bid us **return to our beloved Czech Republic**. The only thing inhibiting our return is a **lack of monthly financial support**. We do not lack a tremendous amount, but enough that we do not as of yet have the green light to return. If you have ever **considered partnering** with our ministry financially, would you prayerfully step forward to partner with us now? We are **compelled to go** in light of the tremendous need for the gospel by millions of **dying souls**. Our prayer is that God would compel others to **send us** in their stead. For the sake of the perishing, would you send us in **your stead**? If only 10 recipients of this newsletter would commit to \$50 per month we could be well on our way to the Czech Republic!



Yes, I/We desire to partner with the Wendels.

- I/We are committed to pray for the Wendels.
- I/We want to receive their newsletter.
- As the Lords leads and enables, I/We desire to contribute support as follows:
- \$100/month \$75/month \$50/month Other \$ _____

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