

Marcus & Amie Denny



Kladno, Czech Republic

The Denny family transitioned to the mission field in April, 2009 to replace long-term missionaries Peter and Sonya Smith at the small church that the Smith's planted in 2002. In July the Smith family transitioned to the U.S. so that Peter could pastor a church in Michigan.

History makes the Czech Republic a challenging mission field. Roman Catholicism dominated during the 400 years of Habsburg imperial rule, which ended with World War I. Yet in earlier Czech history there was a vibrant 15th Century reformation (a century prior to Martin Luther). The martyrdom of Czech reformer Jan Hus (1415 A.D.), who faithfully preached from Scripture in the Czech language, ignited the fires of living faith, giving light for 200 years. In 1620 Habsburg imperial forces conquered the Czech lands, and the Czech reformation ceased to exist. In the 20th Century, 50 years of Communism marred Czech thinking with a deep skepticism of Christianity. When Czechs celebrate Jan Hus Day (a national holiday), there is little interest in the faith for which the early reformer died.

The Bible Christian Church of Kladno is a witness of Christ in this community of 70,000 people, located 20 km from the capital city of Prague. The church consists of a core of faithful families and individuals who are growing in their faith and ministering within the church. Marcus is preaching through the book of Colossians (with translation), hoping to encourage the Czech saints to identify and arm themselves against cultural "idols" that compromise their faithfulness to Christ. He meets weekly with the men of the church, and Amie participates in a weekly women's Bible study. They have launched "mlades," a youth group for the children of families in the church. Marcus is also teaching the outreach English class which Peter and Sonya had invested in for many years. In the midst of their full ministry schedule, Marcus and Amie are laboring to gain fluency in the Czech language.

The Dennys are so thankful for God's goodness to them in their transition. They have settled into the home the Smiths occupied in the village of Lidice, just outside of Kladno, and are making new friends in their neighborhood. They praise God for the Kladno church in which they serve. Please pray for the Dennys in the following areas:

- * That Marcus and Amie will abide in Christ, exercising faith in Him daily. That they would be diligent raising their three daughters in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
 - * That God would grant Marcus godly wisdom, biblical discernment and sensitivity to the Spirit as he shepherds the Kladno church and reaches out to the lost. That Amie would remain sensitive to the Spirit as she establishes bonds of fellowship with ladies in the church.
 - * That God would grant favor in enabling Marcus and Amie to become fluent Czech speakers. It will be a blessing for the church when Marcus is able to preach without translation.
 - * That the Lord would establish the Dennys' witness for Christ as they learn to navigate in a foreign culture, seeking opportunities to display Christ and testify on behalf of the gospel.
 - * That God would bless the church through Marcus' messages from Colossians, causing His Word to do a sanctifying work in peoples' lives.
 - * That God would grant favor to the "mlades" ministry (youth group), opening the hearts of Czech young people to love the Savior and follow Him wholeheartedly.
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Birthdays

Marcus – June 11
Amie – November 26
Lydia – November 21, 2004

Sophia – August 31, 2006

Chloe – September 5, 2008
(looking at the "other" camera)

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