

# CONNECTING THE CONTINENTS



Can you find  
Czech Republic on  
the map?

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

**Hebrews 12:1-2**

What was the joy set before Jesus? It was a joy of knowledge that he would be with his heavenly father. It was the joy of seeing you and me being saved. That was the joy which helped Jesus to persevere. This heavenly joy can help us to finish the race.

## **Joy that Comes from Being with God - Prague, Czech Republic**

There are 46 brothers and sisters living in Prague!  
Most of them are married. There are 20 children and only one teen.

In Prague you will find a beautiful castle which mirrors itself in river Vltava, in a medieval city filled with narrow streets, countless churches, small shops, and bridges. We believe that Prague is the most beautiful city in the world!

Since the Prague church is basically a one generation church we all are going through the similar challenges

together. For long time many of us here in Prague were dreaming about finding a mate and having kids. We thought that if we had that, we would be satisfied, happy and joyful.

Now, most of us have a spouse and family, and we see that the joy can not and will not come only from this, but must be rooted deeper. This is also one of the lessons Jesus taught his disciples after they came back from mission field.

Where does your joy come from?

# THE MONTH OF JOY


## JOY THAT COMES FROM BEING WITH GOD

Take a look at **Luke 10:17-20**.

The disciples saw victories in their evangelism. They were joyful because of that. And Jesus reminded them about the real root of joy. It is not success. Not even in evangelism. Real joy is rooted in knowing we are going to be with God for eternity!

### The story of a sister...

A while ago one of the sisters here went through a divorce. She was left alone with a small hyper-active boy. She dreamed about having a husband and father for her son. One of her friends from childhood was constantly trying to initiate time with her by helping her. It was obvious that he was in love with her. But she told him that she would only marry a Christian. Several times he started to study Bible but didn't make it all the way. Last year, he started again, but this time he really fell in love with God. Changes in his character were obvious. And he got baptized. This year, they got married! His mother was not happy about the wedding, and she said she would not come to the ceremony. They started to pray about this, and his mum not only came but was really moved by the ceremony and by the love and care of the disciples in Prague. We hope that she too will soon know the joy of being with God!



Lukas Talpa  
and his family,  
leaders of the  
Prague church

### Scripture of the week:

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

**Luke 10:17, 20**

### Learning the Language:

English » Czech  
I love you » Miluji tě (miluyi te)

### DISCUSSION:

1. Describe the joy you feel when thinking about heaven.
2. How you imagine heaven?

### ACTIVITY:

Draw a picture of heaven. On your drawing, write with colored pencils your name and names of your family members.

### PLEASE PRAY:

Please pray for each of your family members to get baptized and to stay faithful until the last day.

Pray also for disciples' parents and friends to get baptized in Prague. Pray that God gives them wisdom in raising their children.