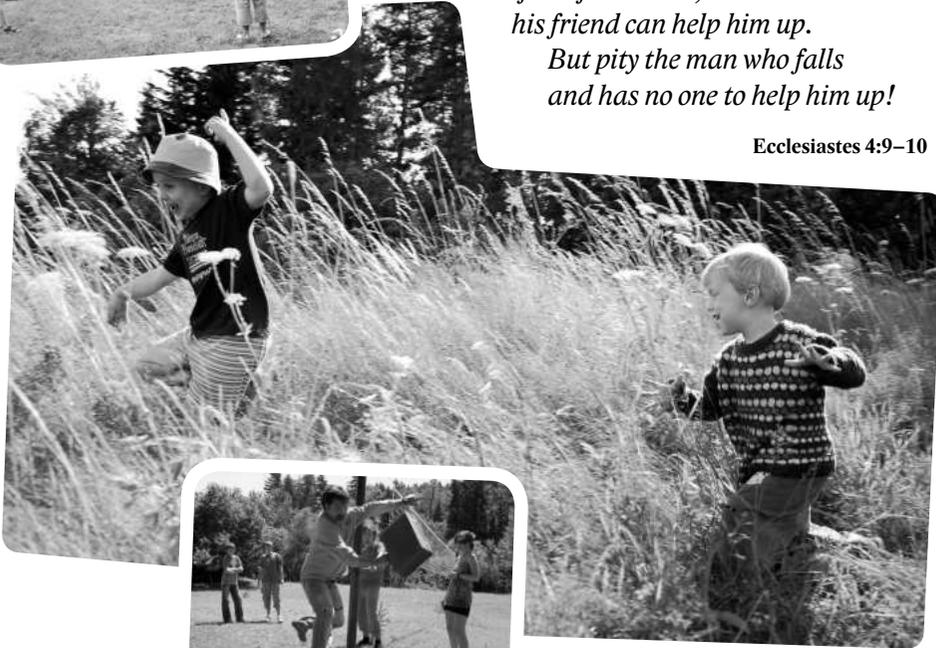




*Two are better than one,
because they have a good return
for their work:
If one falls down,
his friend can help him up.
But pity the man who falls
and has no one to help him up!*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10



A little glimpse from our Church holiday in Velka Lhota, first week of July 2010

Regular weekly activities

- for service on Sundays at 10.45 a.m. in manse of CCE, Husova 377.
- On Tuesdays we meet for Bible study.
- Lavina – a mission young teenagers' club concentrated on knight games
- Kairos – youth meetings for age group 14-30
- Exit club – mission youth club
- Praise group – meets for their rehearsals on Sundays
- Young mothers meet once a month
- Praise evenings take place once a month together with local Catholic and Apostle Churches
- Elders meet once a month
- Monthly magazine Rozbresk (Daybreak) issues every month
- Once every several months takes place "The Cooking with Krystof"

Daybreak

to make it clear...

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Special agitprop issue of the monthly magazine of church
"Cirkev bratrská" (Church of Brothers) in Frydek-Mistek

Who we are

We are the fellowship of people who:

- » Realized they are sin-sick, infected by evil and pride and selfishness
- » Believed in the power of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ and in mystery of death and resurrection of God's Son
- » Found meaning of their lives in following Jesus Christ
- » Found their home in one of the branches of Christ's Church, which is in Cirkev bratrská. (EC team is also partly made by co-workers from the Apostle Church)

Who is Cirkev bratrská

Cirkev bratrská is one branch of Christ's Church that together with other Christians is professing God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Desires to be a church that is the salt and the light for this world; through its ministry it helps people in material and spiritual poverty and proclaims to them salvation in the Savior Jesus Christ

It belongs to a family of so called reformed churches. It follows the heritage of the world reformation and especially the Czech reformation (Moravian Brothers).

Through great emphasis on personal informal godliness and transformed life and mission and the Bible as the only scale the Cirkev bratrská joins evangelical churches.

It has been in ministry in the Czech and Slovak Republics over 125 years.

History of our local church given in points

- Founding member of our church was Frantisek Jakl who in the beginning of the last century moved to Frydek Mistek from East Bohemia.
- Since 1926 regular services have started in Kuncicky near Baska near Frydek Mistek.
- In 1939 our church had 13 members plus several attending guests and children.
- In 1959 our church moved to manse of CCE (Czech Evangelical Church).
- From 1998 Mr. Jaroslav Praisler started to minister in our church as a vicar of CB Ostrava church that released him to this service. He moved here in 1998. In the church there are: youth group called Kairos, young teenagers group called Lavina (Avalanche) and Sunday school class for children. This goes on till today.
- July 1st, 2010, independent church was established in Frydek Mistek. We have about 50 members and 20 children.
- Our church has no church building of our own, that's why we meet every Sunday at 10.45 a.m. in a church building of CCE at the address: Husova 377, Fara CCE, Frydek Mistek, 738 01

Youth group January weekend stay at the cottage Kamenka near Vitkov

First youth activity of this year was the weekend stay in the area of Oderske Hills. Our refuge place became the house belonging to the tourist association called TOM.

Because on Friday it snowed heavily and the house is situated on the hill at the edge of a village named Kamenka, first adventure for us was to reach the place itself. A lot of fresh snow would be a real test for a driver. In spite of repeatedly disappearing and not shoveled road near the aim finally all twelve participants reached the place in late hours. All were all right.

The theme of our stay was Treasure seeking. Treasures were not hidden only in the snow but they are hidden also inside each one of us. Saturday morning we passed personality test that is used in job seeking area in big companies and we learned very interesting things about ourselves.

Because the snow distribution was really rich it was clear that we were not to only sit inside in the warmth of the cottage and so we went out just for fun in the snow. We slid down the hill on sheets and we also went into a snowy form of Frisbee. In spite of hard struggle and rugby rules nobody was hurt, nevertheless after one such collision a blue Frisbee ended in shards.

After such a loss of energy wonderful meal was very welcome. We had baked chicken with tomato sauce and pasta.

In the afternoon we divided into two groups

and competed in various events where it was necessary to function as teams. The theme was conquering the Earth poles and the teams were virtually helped by famous polar explorers like Amundsen, Scott or Nobile. Conqueror was the team with better Bible knowledge and wit and quickness and readiness and promptness and creativity.

In given groups we were also thinking about usefulness of a Christian according to two parables on talents (Matthew 25.14-30; Luke 19.12-27). Jirka prepared questions on the theme and on their basis prolonged discussion developed. We talked about our position among our peers and in youth group, and also about our vision for Kairos for this year. Again we realized that each of us has his/her role in life and we considered how far we fulfill it. In the evening we did entertaining knowledge quiz. Next program was in the form of games and discussions.

On Sunday we only had to do the chores and then we went home. But before we left the boys had to use force and shovels to free our “mobile treasures hidden under the snow.” Two hours passed before we freed our three cars out of the snow and ice. We left for home tired and full of strong impressions. And we do look forward to the next similar event.

“Last Supper” in pastor’s place

On Easter “Green Thursday” pastor prepared in his flat evening meeting where we, sitting at the table, reminded ourselves about circumstances of the Last Supper of the Lord Jesus and his disciples. Evening went on in a chamber friendly atmosphere, on the table there was unleavened bread and wine and salad made of bitter herbs. Together we prayed, sang songs and read passages from the book (in translation called) “The Day Christ Died” by John Bishop. At the end also the sweet promise of resurrection was presented.

The Way of the Cross

A person present on Good Friday near the hill called Standl might had seen a very unusual picture. A group of people with torches in their hands was carrying a cross up on the hill. To take there the cross was the idea of Jirka Siuda Jr. and others supported it.

The Friday April 2nd really was not a day you would chose for an evening walk. Temperature was about 1 Centigrade (34 F), drizzle and foggy. But in spite of that about 15 of our church people met near the riding hall Standl at 9 p.m. Vasek Dvorsky made a provisory cross from a tree trunk and each of us carried it part of the way. The procession took the di-

rection to the forest and our steps were lightened by the torches. On the way we stopped several times and there we always read a Bible passage and sang a song with the guitar.

When after about an hour we reached the peak of the hill we put the cross to a place prepared beforehand and by corporate prayer we expressed our gratefulness for the Lord’s sacrifice on the cross. Numbed we took home this unusual experience and spiritual encouragement.

Addition: the cross is still there and somebody even moved bigger stones to its base, so it seems it will stay there for a while.

Visit of Havirov church

The third May Sunday we spent together with our guests from Havirov church of CB who came to see us. Because of big number of people we moved our service to the red church. Pastor Martin Grohman was preaching. But from the morning many of us asked the question how we would manage in such a bad weather. Heavy rain disallowed to do anything in the open air and it was necessary to shift to substitute program. Walk through town or any sport activity was out of question. Fortunately moving to a nearby ea-

ting place called Maxim was no big problem. We enjoyed fried steak and tried to think what we might do next.

Finally we found a refuge in the local Free Time Centre where in cramped space we made fellowship possible. We looked at photos and talked and we also enjoyed corporate singing and prayers.

Thanks belong to all willing people of our church who in spite of hectic organization offered their helping hands and made the adverse circumstances bearable.