



Module 8: Site-Specific Education ~ Czech Republic

Czech Republic

Potential Site Responsibilities:

- Raise funds prior to service to enable ongoing rehabilitation of acquired building
- Work to rehab building; painting, cleaning
- Assist at school, 1st – 8th grades, Kindergarten (\$200 tuition)
- Work within youth ministry
- Teach and practice English with youth and adults, youth during the day and adults in the evening
- 2 week English immersion camps, summer

Contact information:

Site Supervisor (if applicable): TBD

Other local church contacts:

- Jirina Cancikova, Nova Paka, CR, currently a student doing master's study, English speaking
- Bohdan Cancik, Pastor of Nova Paka Moravian Church, Jirina's father
- Evald Rucky, Bishop of the Moravian Church, Liberice, Czech Republic

U.S. Embassy contact:

Other important local contacts:

Travel information:

Booking international flights: Arrive into Prague

Internal travel: by vehicle as arranged with host

Any limitations on baggage or items to be carried: as per carrier

Visa information:

Type of visa required: n/a

Entry and exit requirements: n/a

Hotel and housing information:

Housing is available at downtown city center building as well as private homes.

Health concerns and requirements:

Required vaccinations: n/a

Recommended vaccinations and other preventive measures: n/a

Clean water concerns: n/a

Check the CDC website for most up to date information.

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/> (fill in applicable country)

Socio-economic context:

Demographics: Extended families, variety of ages with in Nova Paka Moravian Church

Local church information:

Provincial chair and/or board members:

Information about the province or mission area

Brief description:

Nova Paka Moravian Church has purchased and is rehabbing an historic building in the city

center. The Moravians are involved in coffee roasting, a café, an elementary school, and providing retail space for businesses. Pastor Cancik attends the community council meetings. The mayor is aware of the work of the Nova Paka Moravians and the town is looking to the Moravians to develop the building

History:

Worship style:

Traditional with spontaneous prayer and singing, 2 worship times

Theological issues:

“Living faith”—faith influences every aspect of life

Be “church” of Jesus all the time & come together on Sunday to worship & celebrate together

Christianity is the minority religion in Czech Republic

Russian oppressors forbade Czech citizens from open worship until 1990s

General Daily Life Details:

Electric current and type of outlets used: adaptor is necessary to use electronics, see recommendation

Currency / exchange:

Local currency: Czech Koruna

Current rate of exchange: see currency exchange on Internet

Best way to change money: as per host suggestion, bank

Recommended amounts of spending money and emergency cash: as per needs and desire to purchase personal items or souvenirs during stay

Climate concerns:

Average weather pattern follows a similar pattern as the northern region of the midwestern part of the US.

Appropriate dress:

Work: Informal casual

Church: Informal casual

On the street or about town: Casual

Running, relaxing, around the house, etc.: casual

Communication issues:

Phone contact: Available with extended plan from provider or purchase a phone in-country

Internet: Available

Food / dietary matters:

Normal daily meals and routine: Local fare at breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Cautions: n/a

Snack items to bring along: to necessary, provided

Cultural information

Appropriate greetings: English is spoken however a Czech dictionary in order to familiarize self with expressions of courtesy will be helpful

Male – female interaction: Use customary respectful behavior

Ways of showing respect: Use appropriate, courteous manners

Offensive attitudes and/or actions:

Basic conversation skills:

Some English spoken but a dictionary and familiarity with Czech will be helpful when interacting with people, especially children, who are non-English speakers

Additional Notes:

A recommendation that 2 people serve together

Jirina is an invaluable person

Helpful to familiarize self with some Czech terms

Bring resources for English studies

Accommodations may be in a private home or in the historic city center building

Nova Paka and the Czech Republic has a had a long history of being oppressed by outside entities, Austrians, Germans, Russians, so have become an independent people

Nova Paka has also been known as the “spiritists” town due to the presence of cults, witches, and other groups.