

ANDREWS CZECH-UP



Scott, Caitlin, and Jimmy (+ Kofola)

Engaging and administering Grace to the people of the Czech Republic, as God's Spirit continually opens their hearts and minds to the reality of Christ and His Church.

Scott & Caitlin serve primarily through church-planting, anti-trafficking, and arts ministry.

Raising Support

We're already more than halfway through our Home Assignment! We're looking forward to our return to the Czech Republic in August, but there's still a lot of work to do before we're able to return with the effectiveness level we desire.

Specifically, we need to replenish our resources of support in terms of prayer, encouragement, and yes, finances. Our support needs have increased considerably since our last period of fundraising (2011-2013), due to a combination of factors. For one thing, there are now three of us! Also the housing market in Prague has changed drastically over the past few years, increasing at about [twice the average rate](#) as elsewhere in Europe.

So far our fundraising efforts have been productive and blessed: new partnering relationships are emerging, and existing partnerships have also been strengthened.

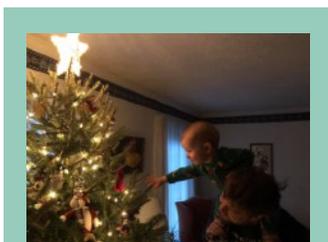


But there's still a significant need for additional support. Our present pledges represent about two thirds of our budgetary target, so we still have about \$2,500/month of additional support to raise.

If you're passionate about our ministry, we ask you to consider partnering with us through regular giving. (Our [website](#) is a great place to look for details.) And if you have already communicated a desire to partner with us, we may be contacting you over the

next few months to get a feel for what amount of financial support you have in mind (so we can get a precise read on what our remaining needs will be).

We'll keep you posted on our progress in future Czech-Ups!



We weren't sure how much Jimmy would understand Christmas, but he loved it so much!

Home for the Holidays

After a very busy autumn, it was a great blessing to have a few weeks at the end of the year to just spend time with friends and family. We haven't been able to celebrate

Christmas here in the States for several years, so we tried to make the most of every opportunity: baking Christmas cookies, tramping through the

snow to pick out a tree, going to the [Toledo Zoo's Lights Before Christmas](#), singing carols at [Oak Bend's](#) Christmas Eve service — these are a few of our favorite things!

ON THE ROAD (AGAIN)

Ministry, family, and celebration

We finished up our 2018 travels with a trip out to Fortuna, Missouri to speak at [Bethel Mennonite Church](#). We were eager to see and hear what the Lord has been doing there since our visit years ago, and had a wonderful time of connection with the people there. We're especially thankful for the quality time we were able to spend with Pastor David Zapf and his wife Ruth, whom we love so much.

After a few weeks of rest around the holidays, the new year kicked off happily indeed with travel out to [Highland Gospel Community Church](#) in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Not only has this church given us faithful friendship and support over the years, but you may recall that they also sent short-term

teams to help with the Pardubice Family English Camps we worked with in the summers of 2016 and 2017. HGCC has also grown since we were last there, so there were lots of new people to meet in addition to the dear friends we already have there.

We followed that trip up with a week on the road to visit the small town of Crozet, Virginia (not far from Charlottesville), where Scott's paternal [grandmother June Andrews](#) (pictured below with [Jimmy](#)) and other family members live. June was a founding member of a [Christian thrift store](#) that has been helping people in the area for almost 40 years(!), and which generously supports our ministry (among others). June's church ([Crozet United Methodist](#)) also

hosted a warm reception after their services that Sunday, where we got to share about some of what we've been seeing God do in the Czech Republic.

But even in the midst of so much travel, we were able to sneak away to Myrtle Beach, SC to finally celebrate our 10th wedding anniversary (which was actually last July). Our past attempts and tentative plans kept falling through, but this time everything worked out perfectly! It was a blessing to have a week just the three of us to celebrate all the past 10+ years have brought us — and being by the ocean we've missed so much was definitely an added bonus! A big thanks to our friends and family who made the whole trip possible!

Praises and Prayer requests

- Praise the Lord! We continue to receive exciting reports about the challenges, opportunities, and growth [our Czech church plant](#) is experiencing. God's hand is evident throughout, and we're so thankful for the great team we have there.
- We have been blessed with opportunities to forge relationships with many additional churches and individuals; [please join us in praying for mutual understanding, that our hearts would be clearly seen and that partnerships would form as the Lord ordains.](#)
- Scott has had a hard time being so inactive musically



of late, but [praise God, it seems he may have an opportunity to play bass in the pit orchestra for a couple of local high school musicals!](#)

- On more than one occasion over the past few years, we've found ourselves in a position to intervene with friends or acquaintances who were suicidal. It's never easy, and we find ourselves wishing we had more training and skills in this area. Home assignment is a good time to get extra training between terms on the field, so [please pray that we would be able to find a good suicide prevention workshop or other learning opportunity](#) to take advantage of before our return.



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