



MISSION: Czech Republic, 2020

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

Salem will send a team of Christian English speakers for a 7th consecutive year to share their knowledge of English and faith in Christ with probably 30 to 40 people from youth to retirees at the 16th week-long English Camp offered by the approximately 100-year-old, 30-member Církev Bratrská (“Brethren Church”) in Trhové Sviny to their community since 2001. (Church website: <http://www.cb.cz/budejovice/tsviny/> Town website: <http://www.tsviny.cz/>)

The English camps provide opportunities for team members to relationally encourage some of the few but faithful Czech Christians, help them share their faith with some of their many unbelieving neighbors in a country where just 16% believe there is a God, and help some Czechs improve their skills in English, so valuable in today’s globalized world.

TEAM PERSONNEL

Our team can include up to eight members, preferably adults but possibly including a couple of minors. Formal teaching or ESL training or experience is *not* required. Teenage volunteers must be willing and able to participate actively in teaching classes, be willing to plan and lead other activities, and must accompanied by a parent (or other well-known adult “guardian”).

Some veteran Czech trip participants from Salem and beyond hope to go again *and* it’s valuable to have new team members, preferably from Salem, but possibly friends or relatives of Salem attendees too.

TRIP DATES

Minimum Trip Dates: Thursday, July 2 – Monday, July 13 (team members may enjoy extra travel at personal expense)

In Trhové Sviny: Friday, July 3 – Sunday, July 12 (worship twice with “Brethren Church,” with us leading 2nd time)

English Camp Dates: Sunday, July 5 – Friday, July 10 (beginning with placement testing on Sunday afternoon)

LIKELY ENGLISH CAMP DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30-8:00	Breakfast (team, possibly with a few Czechs)
8:30-9:00	Devotions (team with Czech believers and unbelievers invited)
9:00-9:55	English Class Hour (probably 3 or 4 of different English levels, taught by 2 or 3 Americans each)
10:00-11:00	English Activity Hour (all English levels participating together, different American(s) leading each day)
11:00-12:00	English (Bible) Story Hour (same number as English Classes, led by same teams of 2 or 3 Americans each)
12:00-2:00	Lunch Break (team, possibly with a few Czechs but most Czechs eat at home)
2:00-5:00	Afternoon Activity and Possibly Presentation (most planned and led by team members)*
5:00-7:00	Dinner Break (team, possibly with a few Czechs but most Czechs eat at home)*
7:00-9:00	Evening Activity (most prepared during trip, not before)*

* Friday afternoon and evening include a graduation ceremony and home visits instead of the activities above.

COST

Since 2014, the “Brethren Church” has covered almost all our costs from the time we land in Prague until we return there after camp (partly from “tuition” paid by camp “students”).

Remaining costs consist mostly of (1) airfare, likely around \$1,500 per person. They also include (2) supplies for classes and activities purchased before and during the trip, (3) necessary personal expenses during our days in Trhové Sviny, and (4) room and board for a day or two in Prague after English Camp. The total is highly unlikely to reach \$2,000. The team will raise as much of this as possible by requesting financial support from family and friends, possibly organizing an event like a garage sale outside Salem, and possibly in other ways that we plan together.



MEALS & LODGING

As mentioned above, the “Brethren Church” in Sviny has been paying for their American guests’ food and lodging in their town since 2014. For a second consecutive year, they plan to house our team in a non-air-conditioned guesthouse called *Centrum u Duhy* (“Center by the Rainbow,” www.uduhy.cz) near their church building and also within walking distance of the school building where most English Camp activities have always been held. Also since 2014, most members of our teams have stayed together in Prague for a night or two after camp in (non-air-conditioned) double or triple rooms at the Hotel Meda (<http://hotelmeda.cz/en.html>) for about \$30 per person per night, leaving there at different times for different destinations.

Also since 2014, the “Brethren Church” has been providing our team’s main meals during our days in Sviny, and there are stores and restaurants in town where we can buy extra food and beverages as wanted / needed. This year, the “Brethren” plan to provide our main meals again – breakfasts at our guesthouse, lunches at restaurants, and dinners to be determined according to daily activities. In Prague after camp, breakfasts are included with our hotel rooms and we usually eat other meals at restaurants and can buy extra food and beverages from stores.

TEAM MEETINGS

Attendance at team meetings is required to participate in a Salem mission trip. The Czech team will probably have four to six two-hour full-team meetings, and smaller groups within the team will meet separately to prepare for English classes or activities. Team meetings are important for sharing information, developing relationships, planning activities and perhaps fundraising projects, and preparing spiritually for this mission. The team (and smaller groups) will decide on the meeting dates together.

See team leader Mark Nygaard’s album from the 2018 Czech Trip at: <https://marknygaard.shutterfly.com/8710>

APPLICATION & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Complete and submit Salem’s GO:2020 Application Form to Salem’s Outreach Director, Shelli Streeper, by March 1, 2020.

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