

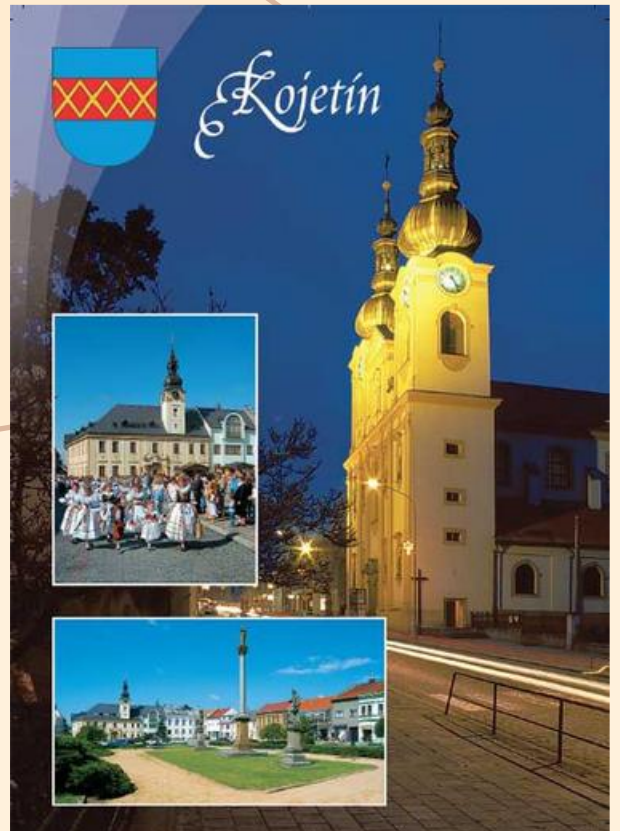
Update for March 2010



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Greetings  
from Kojetín

Spring is upon us!  
It's a time for new  
things...



# Ruminations

At the changing of the seasons, I can't help but think about Ecclesiastes 3. I think it's a good reminder for me that God works in many ways and through many things - in all the "opposites."

There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,

a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,

a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,

a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,

a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,

a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,

As I think about what God is doing here in Kojetin and in us, I see how He uses these contradictory things. On one hand there is a lot happening and on the other there is hardly anything happening. Some things are being built and some things are being torn down. There is sorrow and there is joy. Most of the time it's very difficult for me to wrap my limited understanding around all these things that God is doing, but in all things He is present and in all things He is working....and we all get to be a part of that!! WOW!



## Personal

First, I'll start with some personal things that are happening. The big news is that Karolina is pregnant! We are a little nervous, but also happy that God has blessed us again. Karolina is taking it easy and resting a lot. For the past couple of months she's had "morning sickness" all the time - 24/7. So that hasn't been too much fun! Right now she is nearing the end of the first trimester, and our due date is in the middle of October.

Lately God has been teaching us a lot about trusting Him...especially in the area of finances. The remodelling has been very expensive, and the extra money we had hoped to get by teaching hasn't been very much. So we are praying a lot and trusting that God will meet our needs...which to this point He has! So it's a prayer request and a praise at the same time.

Something God has been teaching me for the past several months is how to wait on Him. I'm not naturally very good at waiting so it has been very difficult for me. God is teaching me that my expectations aren't always His plans, and if I want to serve Him then I must submit to Him and His plans. I guess I could call it a time of refining and maturing in my faith, which for those who have gone through the same thing you know that it isn't such a fun time!



## Service

At this point we are focusing our attention on 3 areas of service. First, we are trying to find ways to serve our neighbors and others in the community that we know. I have two friends in particular that I am spending time with and witnessing to (Pavel & Vlasta). You can pray with me for Pavel - he has a serious heart condition and I am praying that God will begin to heal him.

The second area is teaching English classes. Karolina isn't able to teach with me right now, but she helps me a lot with preparation. I pray that every English lesson would be an opportunity to show God's glory to the students. Currently we have 13 students and we are praying for more (around 30 would be ideal).

The third area is working with students at the high school. In February, I started an "English Club" so that students could improve their English. We've had four meetings and there were about 15 students in each meeting. The students are still a little apprehensive, but they are starting to warm up to me. Hopefully I can develop some good relationships through the club.

# Prayer Requests

- pregnancy
- English club
  - good reaction to our advertisement in the town paper (more English students)
- increased monthly support
- healing in Pavel's heart  
(physically and spiritually!)

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