

Update for July 2010



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Greetings from Kojetín



Lately I've been reading a book that I bought when I was in Scotland called "Celtic Daily Prayer." There are some interesting stories and prayers from the Scottish saints who evangelized the British Isles way way back in the day :) Here is a portion of one of my favorite prayers taken loosely from the saint Caedmon:

I have a dream  
that all the world will meet You,  
and know You, Jesus,  
in Your living power,  
that someday soon  
all people everywhere will hear Your story,  
and hear it in a way they understand.  
I cannot speak,  
unless you loose my tongue;  
I only stammar,  
and I speak uncertainly;  
but if you touch my mouth,  
my Lord,  
then I will sing the story  
of Your wonders!

As a Christian and a missionary, I think this pretty well captures what my purpose and goal is. Aside from the beautiful poetry of the prayer and way it nicely sums up our intentions as followers of Jesus, something else strikes me powerfully about this prayer. It is a prayer, in one form or another, that has been prayed for hundreds of years! It is a testimony to the faithfulness of Christians throughout the centuries...it takes some faith to continue to pray "that someday soon all people everywhere" over and over again with no clear end in sight. It reminds me that God's timing is not our timing. That is really important for me to remember here in Kojetin. When I get frustrated and discouraged that nothing seems to be happening, I can continue to pray "someday soon."



Recently I've been encouraged that God has opened the doors to spend time with and be a witness to four particular men that I know - Pavel, Lubos, Jarek, and Vlasta. I believe that these four are potential leaders in the church. They aren't believers now, but I am praying that God will use me to awaken what He has already planted in their hearts. They have very different personalities and I can see how God could use each one of them to serve the body - one an evangelist, one a teacher, one a leader, and one a leader of prayer. I am looking forward to seeing how God will use these guys and how I will get to be a part of it.

## Personal

Hopefully this will be the last update to ever mention the word remodelling!! After 20 months, the last piece of the puzzle finally fell into place - we have a kitchen!! :) Up to now we have been using the kitchenette downstairs (two burner hotplate and a microwave). Finally we have a real stove, counter space, and cabinets to put everything! It has been a long road, but the remodelling is finally DONE. (man it feels good to say that! :)



On to more important things...the pregnancy is going well. The baby is healthy and moving around a lot. We were hoping to have a picture to share, but at the last exam the doctor couldn't get a good shot :( The baby should be coming around the middle of October (same birth month as me!). So we have about 2 1/2 more months to go...I can't believe the pregnancy has gone by so quickly (maybe Karolina disagrees a bit with that!!). We are excited and nervous at the same time. If any of you have advice for expecting parents, please share!!

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## Service

Aside from spending time with the four guys I mentioned before, I am also holding English club meetings during the summer. This month only 3 students came, but I'm hoping maybe everyone was on vacation and next month will be a little bit better. Even though only 3 students came, we had a good time and the atmosphere was a lot less formal than at the school. Before school starts in the fall, I would like to offer 6 English club meetings...you can pray that the students come.

Otherwise, progress is very slow and at times very frustrating; however, as I mentioned before I continue to pray "that someday soon" Kojetin will respond to the love God has for it. Until then I will be faithful with the tasks He has given me.

# Prayer Requests

- Pavel, Lubos, Jarek and Vlasta
- English Club meetings
- pregnancy and upcoming birth
- for us: patience and perserverance

## Praise!

- God is good and He has provided for all of our financial needs. Karolina's parents have been a huge blessing!

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