

# The Williams' Return to the Czech Republic!

## 2005 MILESTONES CELEBRATED:

- This was our 8th English Camp since 1997!
- This was our 4th trip to Czech.
- This was our 2nd year leading a team from Fellowship Alliance Chapel in New Jersey. In total, we've led 12 U.S. students to CZ.
- Kristy's brother, Michael, was part of this year's team.
- Frydek-Mistek was the 12th Czech Evangelical Christian church that we have partnered with through this ministry.
- Many students from camp decided to put their faith in Jesus Christ and make Him the leader of their lives.



## ENGLISH CAMP 2005

It is so exciting to share with many of you about what is happening through our latest involvement in the Czech Republic. If you didn't know, my wife and I recently returned from leading a three week mission trip with high schoolers from our church. Many people ask us, "Why the Czech Republic?"

Great question! We fell in love with the Czech Republic in 1997. We were high school juniors at the time who went on a 3-week summer trip with our Wheaton, IL youth group. Our purpose for going was to support the Josiah Venture, an organization that trains local Christian youth leaders across Eastern Europe. Our US group partnered with two Czech churches to host week-long summer English camps for students between the ages of 14 and 22. Little did we know that trip would transform our lives forever. Eight years have passed; we continue to go back, and we still see many students from those first camps! This summer was no exception.

As the climate of Eastern Europe becomes farther removed from the former holds of Communism, Josiah Venture continues to use English camps to share the Bible with many students who have never heard the message of Jesus and the hope and purpose that a relationship with God can hold. The students are receptive, and we have seen many lives changed by this.



Almost 70 people attended the Frydlat/Frydek English Camp- 13 Americans, 25 Czech Christians from local churches, and 30 of their friends, everyone be-

Here are some of the highlights of our 6/27-7/14/05 trip:

Many students from last year's camp returned for a second year of English lessons, friendships, and learning more about Christianity. Many of the Czech high school students from the church groups invited their friends from school to camp this year. Every student there knew at least one other person, which really made the camp atmosphere more welcoming and comfortable. Some of the unique trip/camp activities included a huge American barbeque for the Fourth of July, an all-camp carnival, a night hike, staying with Czech families, teaching and learning Czech/English slang, and spending two nights in the capital city of Prague. It was truly a life-changing trip for every one of us.

If you'd like to see more photos from our '05 trip, email us at [kristy\\_lynn\\_williams@hotmail.com](mailto:kristy_lynn_williams@hotmail.com) for a Kodakgallery.com link to our albums. Stay tuned for a blog page link in the future.

### TOP 10 REASONS WHY WE FEEL CALLED TO SERVE GOD FULL-TIME IN EASTERN EUROPE:

1. We have a special network of missionary friends in the Josiah Venture who are role-models for what it is like to serve God out there.
2. We love sharing our faith in Jesus with others.
3. We love working with young people!
4. We are willing to go! There is nothing holding us back.
5. We are coming to a crossroads in our life in New Jersey, needing to make some life changes.
6. We have received so much support and encouragement from our own church in NJ. [www.faonline.org](http://www.faonline.org)
7. There is a large need for full-time youth workers because the churches do not have many.
8. Eastern Europe already feels like our second home. We really enjoy Czech culture.
9. The message of John Piper's book "Don't Waste Your Life" was incredibly compelling. We strongly recommend this book.
10. Jesus commands us to, "Go and Make Disciples of All Nations." Matthew 28:19

### How You Can Pray:

- For wisdom for us to make the right planning & preparation decisions, since there are still many unknowns
- For the strengthening & growth of the CZ churches and the youth groups
- For all who will be impacted by this life-changing decision in our lives

## GOD AT WORK IN BEN & KRISTY WILLIAMS

"To Whom Much is Given, Much is also Expected." — Jesus

Ever since we returned from an entire summer in CZ in 2002, we have felt a strong desire to pursue working in the Czech Republic to teach and train Czech youth on a full-time basis. We have been praying about this opportunity for the past three years now, and we feel that God has opened a door for us to make this a reality. While we were there in July, we sat down with several couples who are leaders in the Josiah Venture organization. Our sense of calling and willingness to go are a direct match with their needs for missionaries able to accomplish God's work in Eastern Europe.



It is an understatement to say that this will be our biggest life change. No doubt that the concept of moving across the Atlantic and leaving behind so much is strange to many; however this opportunity is one that we do not want to miss. We are genuinely excited about moving to the Czech Republic, and we would love to keep you on board through this journey. There are so many details to share with you, as well as alleviate any worries or misconceptions about what are going to be doing. We expect our communication to grow, both while we are in planning stages, as well as once we arrive. We are not disappearing, but rather making a shift that better aligns our time and energy with our faith and passions. We love and appreciate you all very much and are excited for what the future will hold.

Love, Ben and Kristy Williams

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