

CZECH IT OUT

Christmas in the Czech Republic

22 December 2011

Dear Family and Friends,

Vesele Vanoce...Merry Christmas from the Czech Republic! It has been a very hectic month preparing for Christmas programs, parties, service projects, and all the festivities which accompany the holiday season. Our students at CISP had a few opportunities to serve the local and broader Czech community just before our Christmas holiday began. Some of our students served the adult student at the Salvation Army centers. They also made delicious Christmas cookies for the staff of the Czech school where time was quite fun in the picture the tone for the true meaning of

I also had the opportunity to go with my friends Curt, Vicky and Jair Mobley, Renee, Emily, Caleb, Judy, and Adam to the Christmas markets in Dresden and Seiffen needed rest for me and a time to these two days to refresh me great time of fellowship. This is about...being refreshed and Jesus.

God is always teaching me message and sometimes I do not

However, I got the message loud and clear on Sunday (18 December 2011). I got on the tram on my way to church. When I sat down, I noticed that the gentleman across the aisle from me was completely doubled over in his lap and quite asleep. His clothes were tattered and dirty, and the air was thick around him. I ruffled my nose as the smell filled the tram. In an instant, the Lord spoke to my heart saying that His Son came into this world in a stinky stall for me such as this one. This smell was not offensive to the Lord but my reaction to it was. The Savior of the world did not come into a clean, fresh hospital; He did not come into a home perfumed with incense and potpourri. He came into a dirty smelly stall, and He wants to come into the dirty smelly parts of our lives. My prayer, this Christmas, is that each of us will let Him come into those smelly parts of our lives and make them new.

May God bless you this Christmas and always, and many thanks for all the ways you share His love with me and the Czech people.

Vesele Vanoce!

Ben Bowman

Prayer Requests

Pray for me as I raise long-term support and as I undertake to learn more Czech

Pray for CISP to find a building of our own

Pray for Pavel and Tomas (my Czech friends who do not know Christ)

Pray for Hannah (a lady from Salvation Army who is all alone in this world)



Curt, Renee, Jair, Ben and Vicky in Dresden at the Christmas markets 2011

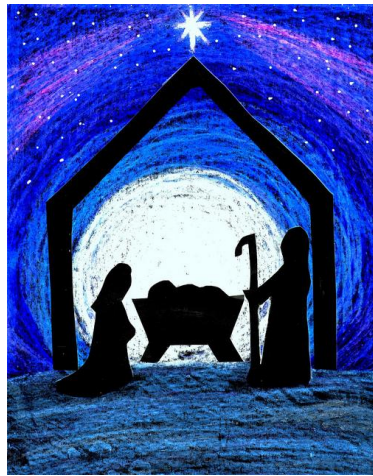


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delicious Christmas cookies for the we rent space. (You can see that this below.) The act of serving helps to set Christmas.

with my friends Curt, Vicky and Jair Judy, and Adam to the Christmas Germany. This was a time of much make new friends. The Lord used physically and spiritually; it was a what the Christmas season is renewed by the Greatest Gift of ALL:

something...at times I get the understand fully what He is doing.



Caleb threw himself into our morning of baking!