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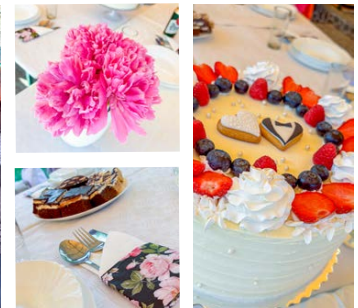
*... motivate people
to know the truth,
so they can become
free in Christ
to serve others ...*

PROGRESS REPORT

Dear Friends and Partners,

Summer 2026 brought us a great joy. It was extraordinary — we had the highest number of mission activities and visits in the history of the CCE. In the world full of divisions and misunderstandings, we work together with our US partners to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Slovakia. God's love unites us and is amazing!

The first visit was **the Schnitkers**. Bill and Samantha, our longtime friends and supporters, shared the CCE mission with their lovely family. In a special private worship service held in a medieval chapel, their daughter Kimberly and her husband Nick renewed their marriage vows. Their visit concluded with a traditional Slovak wedding celebration that included some old-fashioned Slovak customs and music. We praise God for their faithful support!



From **June 10th to the 14th** we hosted a group from **Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Naperville, IL** – another longtime and faithful partner of ours. It was led by their senior pastor Dr. Brian Wise, and included his family, youth and adults. All of them actively participated in our school classes and afternoon activities. One wonderful highlight was when Pastor Brian, together with our pastor Paulína Šofranková, baptized our sister Lenka, whom he helped come to faith.



Our traditional **J-Camp** for middle-school students took place the week of **June 22-25, 2026**. Under the leadership of Pastor Chris Wood and his wife April, seven people from **Hales Corners Lutheran Church from Hales Corners, WI**, together with our teachers, ran various activities for 7th and 8th graders, including Bible stories, sports, science, and crafts. Our students improved their conversational English and expanded their vocabulary. This ministry turned what usually is the most boring week of a school year into a meaningful and exciting time for one of the most challenging groups of students. Thank you!



During the same week, **the Johnson family** worked with our elementary and kindergarten children. **Julie and Craig**, our longtime friends who previously participated in VBS in the nearby village of Příbovce, brought their three children, their children's spouses, and nine of their grandchildren to the CCE to show them the mission and pass this legacy. We were privileged to dedicate one of the new classrooms to this extraordinary family as a token of our appreciation for their support and help.





The next mission activity was **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**, which took place **July 6-10**. We were glad to have 120 children and 40 teenage volunteers serving in various roles. Our traditional partner, **Grace Lutheran Church in River Forest, IL**, sent 27 missionaries led by Senior Pastor David Lyle and youth and children's ministry coordinator Julie Modrich. We were all reminded again that God is amazing. When we experience and witness His grace and love in this exciting way, the only words we can say are *"Wow, God!"*



Finally, our summer mission continued with two weeks of **English language courses (ESL)** taught by 29 members of **New Heights Church, Vancouver, WA**. Todd Cornwell, director of the Serving Slovakia, brought a skillful and enthusiastic team that served about 130 Slovak teenagers and adults. They not only helped improve English conversational skills but also shared their personal faith stories with participants. They brought much joy to our town, taught many of our community to smile, and, thanks to the 5 members of their maintenance team, made our campus shine.



Dear friends and partners, God is awesome. This summer clearly demonstrated that truth. Relying on His love, we look forward to the coming 2026-2027 school year. We also know we can rely on your support and prayers. Thank you for being our faithful partners and for demonstrating God's amazing love to us and to the people of Slovakia.

Yours in His service,



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