

## Student Stories:

### Spotlight:

#### **Jaromír Žumár (Prague, Czech Republic / Eastern Europe)**

Jaromír and his twin brother were born in Slovakia and soon moved to Prague, Czech Republic. Raised by his father from the age of seven as a result of his parents divorce, he finished his basic schooling and began studying civil engineering. It was during his final graduation year that Jaromír's life turned completely around as he started to attend the church in Prague as a result of a co-workers kind invitation.

Even though the Žumár family followed suit with most Europeans with placing great importance on higher education, the fine arts and culture, Jaromír's life did not follow in the footsteps of his world traveling concert piano playing mother, nor that of his wood handcrafting violin / cello maker twin brother.

God responded to the intercessory, earnest prayers of the pioneer missionaries to the Czech Republic. When God saw Jaromír Žumár, He not only saw a brilliant young man with a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering, gifted with languages, computer skills and leadership qualities, more importantly, He saw a tender heart.

In simple response to the preached Word, kneeling on the old stone floor of the Prague chapel, he quietly bowed before His maker, yielded, and received the marvelous life-changing gift of the Holy Ghost.

Immediately, Missionary Roger Buckland proposed he enroll in the newly formed Prague Bible School (Apostolic Center of Theological Studies).

*In Jaromír's own words, "After I started studying in Bible School, the whole image of the Bible and complete concept of Bible teaching opened up to me. We were so blessed during our study years as we had the possibility to be taught by several guest teachers who always strengthened us with their testimonies and their experiences. Year by year I was lead deeper into the Word of God. My Bible School studies gave me the basic knowledge and a foundation of Truth. It showed me the importance of study in the ministry and was my entrance into Bible doctrines."*

Following his three years of study and graduation from Bible School in November 2005, Jaromír Žumár accepted God's call upon his life into the ministry and became the very first licensed United Pentecostal Church minister in the Czech Republic in November 2008.

He and his fine wife, Michaela (also a Prague Bible School graduate), now serve as Assistant Pastor to Missionary Roger and Becky Buckland, assisting with and fulfilling many administrative and ministerial duties, using his skills and giftings to bless the work of God. He also serves as worship leader, translator,

Discipleship Course instructor, Bible School teacher, as well as developer and maintainer of the Prague church web-site.

Only God knows the future and to what width and breadth his ministry will go, especially in regards to propagating the Gospel and Apostolic ministry throughout the nation of the Czech Republic and borders beyond into the remaining nations of Eastern Europe.

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