



Map of "knižobudkas" near church.

## A DAY IN MY LIFE

When I take Czech Bibles to the four community free libraries closest to our church (number 1 on the map), I use buses, trams and the metro to get to each location. But since some of the free libraries are located in parks and a mall in very busy parts of Prague, I do a bit of walking too. This is my typical day in numbers:

Buses: 2

Trams: 3-4 (depending on connections)

Metro stations: 4

Flights of stairs walked: 9

Escalators: 8

Busy street crossings: 15

Steps walked: 11,000-12,000  
(about 5-6 miles)

What a joy to be the feet that bring God's Word to the Czechs!

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## Expanded Czech Bible Distribution



One of the free community libraries that now receives Czech Bibles.

"Knižobudka" is the Czech name for a free community library, and I recently learned that several are located within a few kilometers of our Lutheran church in Prague. Martin Damašek, our Czech deacon who will be ordained as a pastor in October, researched their locations and sent me a map to expand our Czech Bible distribution.

I selected the seven libraries nearest our church and spent a Saturday with fellow missionary, Chelsea Irwin, trying to locate them. Two of them no longer exist and the one closest to the church had been vandalized so that it's no longer usable. We placed Bibles in the remaining four.

When I returned a few days later, all the Bibles had been taken. I now restock the community libraries once or twice a week. The Czech Bibles always include bookmarks to highlighted Scripture, and our church brochure is placed in the page marking John 3:16.

Each new library location is a little bit different, so I will describe three of the busiest ones. The library pictured above is on a very busy street near a kindergarten. There is also a large war

memorial sculpture nearby, and the area is called Svoboda Náměstí, or Freedom Square. This location is also near the farmer's market that I visit on Saturday mornings.

The busiest new location is within a popular shopping mall, Nový Smíchov. A few store names familiar to Americans are in this mall, such as Yankee Candle, Under Armour, Tommy Hilfiger, Levi's and Gap. Of course, many stores are Czech companies and other European brands. The community library just inside the mall entrance looks like an old British phone booth. I often see lines of people waiting to use the library. When the library is full of new donations, the line can be quite long. I have stood in line waiting to place Bibles and have even tried to strike up a conversation with a few of the people waiting in line with me, but that is not typical Czech behavior like it is for us in America. However, the Bibles go quickly. Last week, I placed a Czech Bible and then went to look for a pair of shoes in one of the stores. When I left the mall 15 minutes later, the Bible was already taken.

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *The Czechs who receive Bibles in the community libraries in Prague.*
- *My English students, that they would become fluent and be able to connect with other church leaders throughout Eurasia.*
- *The EU to recognize the validity of vaccine certificates from America.*

### GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Our friends at Mission Central and Mission Advancement who help tremendously in our work to stay deployed.*
- *You, my prayer warriors, church supporters and individual donors who walk alongside me in this mission journey.*
- *The reopening of stores and businesses in Prague.*

### PRAISE GOD FOR:

- *The power of His Word.*

## Czech Bibles - continued



### *The busiest “kنيhobudka” is located inside a shopping mall*

My favorite new library location is in a large park at the top of a hill. Near an elementary school, the park is heavily treed with lots of park benches. Once the weather turned warmer, teachers have been taking their classes outdoors.

The park is quite busy with the schoolchildren, families, older people, and friends who meet there. This library has fascinating new things each time I visit—jigsaw puzzles, children’s books, foreign language dictionaries, novels, academic textbooks, and biographies of famous Czech people. Perhaps the proximity to a large school explains the diverse offerings, but I have even borrowed a few items from this location as well.

After climbing the big hill to get to the library in the park, I sometimes pause for a moment on one of the park benches for a sip of water or to check the tram schedule before heading to the next location. From across the park, I have seen people walk up to the library, pull out the Bible and start paging through it. I’m not sure why they put it back after a few minutes but, when I return a few days later, the Bible is always gone.

I still put Bibles in the first library location near the post office. Interestingly, this location is not even on the “kنيhobudka” map yet. More than 30 Bibles have already been distributed in this location, but now sometimes a Bible remains there for a week or two until somebody claims it.

Overall, more than 60 Bibles have been distributed through the community libraries near our church in Prague, with a goal of more than 200 to be placed by the end of this year.

*This month we remember God’s Word, that guides all our steps:*

**Your word is a lamp for my feet,  
a light on my path.**

**Psalm 119:105 (ESV)**

*- Cindy Zirbel Wrucke*



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