

January 10, 2017

Dear Saints,

In expressing our gratitude for your 2016 support for the work of the Gospel in the Czech Republic, I want to take note of three things your giving manifests to us on this end.

Your giving is a manifestation of your love for Christ. The woman who broke open her alabaster jar of costly perfume and poured every last drop upon the body of her Lord did so out of love for Christ. She would have gladly done the same with a thousand jars just like it! She did not do it out of duty—Christ did not ask her to do this. She did it out of pure love for Christ. Many mocked her and said the money could have been used in better ways, but there was nothing better than to show her love for Christ. The world will tell you you're wasting your money; there are so many things you could do with it other than giving to missions. But there is nothing better to do with money than to use it to express our love for Christ.

Your giving is a manifestation of your love for us. Your giving is personal evidence of your love for us and prayers for us. Know that this becomes more precious with each passing year of life spent here. As we face both mid-life and our 8th year on the mission field, the cost and sacrifice of each passing year becomes more real and more costly. Your faithful giving and prayers for us are more precious and encouraging than you know. They remind us of your love for us.

Your giving is a manifestation of your love for the lost. “How will they hear without a preacher? And how will they preach unless they are sent?” The answer to both questions is that they will not. A very practical reason for your support is to spread the Gospel amongst the lost and see the establishment of local churches made up of the redeemed. There are a million possible ways to love Christ, but there is ultimately only one way to love the lost: preach the Gospel.

Thank you for your generous support for this very work. In 2017 may the Lord be pleased to save those who heard the Gospel in 2016!

With much gratitude and love for you all,

Marcus and Amie Denny