

# ETHICS SURPRISE

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## The openness of young people towards Christianity in the Czech republic

Josiah Venture did a survey among 8000 high school students in 35 cities in the Czech and Slovak Republics. The aim was to find out how the young people in individual cities were open to the good news about Jesus Christ. The results were very optimistic:

- 7% believe in God — Christ and are part of Church; 17% are atheistic; 76% are spiritual seekers
- 34% are interested in the Bible

Young people have low expectations from Church and God

- 1% of young people want God to fulfill their personal needs
- 7% perceive Church as a community
- 9% think Church is a trustworthy institution

These findings were shown at the Conference for Christian teachers and church deputies in Prague on September 17. The findings help to evangelize more efficiently among young people. I am in charge of a network of Christian teachers with already 50 of them from the whole CR.



## A nation-wide textbook of ethical education based on Christian fundamentals



God has opened the door for Christians at schools and we can already see the fruit. Department of education has sanctioned the project of introducing a new set of Ethical education textbooks and Christians are to implement it. My task is to supervise a team of the textbook authors. Moreover, a new multimedia aid similar to Exit316 will be introduced. This project starts in January 2012 and during the

time of its compilation, the textbook will be launched at 40 schools. In 2014 the textbook should obtain the accreditation from the Department of education and should be used nationally. We hope that we will be able to influence the shaping of morale on Christian basis and thus bring up a new generation, seeking the Lord God more than the current one. The Bible and Christianity will be heard at Czech primary schools and junior high schools.

## Christian Outdoor

The ministry of Christian Outdoor is a great opportunity for Christians and non-Christians to meet and do something together. Naturally, the unbelievers, who know nothing about God, can learn something about Him, they can get to know what the lives of Christ's followers look like; what God is like and how He acts in our lives.

This year — 2011— is the last year when Christian Outdoor operates as a Josiah Venture ministry. JV has initiated the foundation of a new organization that is to continue this ministry. JV has chosen the organization Faith and Learn International (<http://faithandlearning.org>) that will mediate the support from and connection to the USA. This year there have been more than 12 evangelistic and training treks, and three out of ten experienced guides have gained the Wilderness Ministry Institute certificate (<http://wildernessministry.org>). In December a new series of guide trainings starts and I'm organizing the fourth year of Snowboard Camp.



### Family update

A new school year has started and also the prayer meeting Nela and Miriam organize at their school. They pray for having opportunity to start having more evangelistic meetings in which not only their Christian friends would participate but also non-Christians. Nela has celebrated her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday in September. Miriam was 18 in spring and then she passed her driving school exams. Now she is a beginner driver and when I am not present, she drives the family to church. Miriam spent two months on

mission in England, organized by the Operation Mobilization. It was a valuable time for her because she was able to share her faith in street evangelization, in Muslim clubs etc. Naďa is a stable and significant part of our family and I am extremely grateful for the background she is providing for us. Lord God has been showing us His grace and we are also thankful for our church that is a healthy home to us.

### Prayer topics

- Thankfulness for my supporting family and healthy church
- Thankfulness for the openness of schools toward Christians
- Spiritual empowerment for leadership of the Ethics schoolbook project
- A good start of the new organization Christian Outdoor
- Balance of family life and ministry responsibilities

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