



Let me share the story of our church in Chomutov with you. Thanks be to God and His many servants for allowing us to come to this moment.

At the turn of the millennium, we began a church planting project in Chomutov. Because of this, new churches have been planted in five cities in Northwestern Bohemia. These are now prospering and reaching out to other towns and villages in our beautiful Czech lands.

In 2010, we moved from renting facilities into a building we purchased a few years later. The extensive missionary outreach in many cities has been a wonderful experience for the mother church in Chomutov but also exhausting. We underwent a revitalization and gained new strength. We have strengthened our church's leadership, spiritual life, relationships, discipleship, ministry, and mission. With God's blessing, the ministry to families has grown, and we have added quite a few young people who are experiencing spiritual transformation. They are an emerging generation that is taking on more and more responsibility. We are pleased about this and are without fear of dying out.

We are not a large church yet, but we are a church that is healthy (if I may be so bold as to say so) and ready for further growth. Worship and ministry to families, young adults, youth, and children are growing, and new people are coming and seeking God. More and more people from our town are interested in the Sunday services and the activities during the week – so many that we no longer have anywhere to put them anymore. We have well over 90 people in the main room of the current space, which seats about 70, 80 max, and the interest continues to grow. It's not a specific group but a representative sample that spans generations, education, ethnic groups, employment, and the interests of people who come primarily from Chomutov and the surrounding areas.

In other words, space is currently our main limitation. We have faith, and we have generous people. We are maturing into spiritual parents and giving birth to spiritual children. We need more space – a lot more. The four walls of our main room have been the ceiling we have been hitting for many years. While our current building provides us with decent facilities, we are about to enter a period of becoming a community that meets not by the dozens but by the hundreds. It will be a new level of witness to our city and the related region.

Quite a few of our members are professionals in education, so we are also very seriously considering starting a Christian school. This vision has been burning within us for many years. Another joy for us is that, as a community, we can be an encouragement and motivation to other churches in Chomutov and our friends in many other churches in Czechia. They love to come and spend time and serve with us. We are also serving missionally in central Croatia, in the city of Daruvar. An opportunity is opening up for us to serve missionally in South Sudan, where local pastors desperately need sound Christian teaching.

We have also gone through crises, like any organism that seeks to grow. The current season is more a season of joy and celebration of what God is doing.



However, we do not want to stand still on this wave but to continue pursuing God in new things. God is doing a mighty work here, and we are looking for partners to help us start pushing forward again. The Holy Spirit is doing His work. We don't want to stop this by being passive, but we want to move towards the opportunities He gives us.

An opportunity arose to buy the former cinema building from the city of Chomutov. It is close to the city center, in a very decent location, and it is a well-known place for all the inhabitants of Chomutov.

You will find the rest of the story on this website's main page. Thank you so much for allowing me to share this story with you.

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