

# BELZNER BUGLE

Ministering with SOS Canada & WHAM Ministries

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## New Year — New Beginnings — New Opportunities



I began 2008 in bed with a miserable cold that affected our entire team of missionaries. I don't think I moved from bed the entire day (January 1st). A few days later I did however have the privilege of seeing live Team Canada beat Sweden (sorry Christer and Kicki) to win the World Junior Hockey Championship for the 4th consecutive year. It was a great feeling to see a few thousand other Canadian fans (sea of Red and White) make the trip over to Czech to watch the games and in the end hear Oh Canada played and the trophy presented.

I am excited to see what God has in store for me, our team of missionaries, our ministry and the lives of the people that we work with.

Some of the areas of ministry that you will hear about in the near future is our ESL School, Dlouhy (The conference center), the children's home that we are beginning to connect with, the youth of our church as well as the groups that we have coming to Czech to help us impact this nation for God.

**Happy New Year and here is to New Beginnings and New Opportunities**

Welcome to 2008. It is hard to believe that we have begun a new year. I reflect back on 2007 and am amazed at all the things that happened. If someone had told me that in the last few months that I would discover pieces to the beginning of my life, change ministries and rely on God's grace more than ever I would have never believed them. However that is exactly what has happened and I am blessed beyond words and wait to see what 2008 has in store.

## Photo Website Coming Soon



*I am excited to announce that a new photo website is coming soon*

[Stevebelznercreations.com](http://Stevebelznercreations.com) will be a website that will not only showcase some of my photo talents but also give you a painless way to support the ministry

happening here in Czech Republic.

This website has been in the process for a few months but has been on the backburner so to speak. I am excited that it will be up in running in the next few weeks. Thanks to a very good friend of mine (Tang Soo Donny) who is helping create it.

I believe this site will be a great way to combine the gift of photography that God has blessed me with and the opportunity for you to be involved in changing lives here in Czech Republic for eternity while owning a piece art that captures God's amazing creation.

Stay tuned for details !!!

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**Delight yourself also in the Lord, and he shall give you the desires of your hear.  
Commit you way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass**

**Psalm 37:4,5**



**Beata (a lady from Hlinsko Church)  
helping Frankie and Marketa**



**Helping Michal write a Valentine  
to a new American Friend**

## Ministry News — ESL & Children

This new semester sees an increase in the number of ESL Classes I am teaching. Last semester Kicki asked if I would be interested in teaching an Intro Class. I felt a lot of trepidation about that due to my limited Czech and their very limited English but after much prayer and thought I decided to take a step and be willing to be stretched. With Christer extremely busy with getting the conference center (Dlouhy) up and running he needed someone to take over his class and allow him to concentrate on that and other tasks.

**Well 3 weeks into the new semester I am pleased to say that I have survived and amazingly so have they. :-)** I now teach Monday to Thursday from 4pm to 8pm. I have an Intro level and three level 2 classes. In all I teach and interact with almost 50 students a week. Please pray for continued friendships and opportunities to minister and share Christ with them.

This semester also sees a new area of ministry beginning with us increasing the amount of ministry we do with a local children's home. We recently did a "Divine Valentines" project (Great Job Amanda) where youth in the USA made Valentines for the children here in Czech and the children here (there were 9 of them that day) had a chance to make Valentines back. It was an awesome way to share God's love with them in a tangible way. Amanda also shared about 1 Corinthians 13 and played Bingo with them where they had various words connected to Valentines Day and God's Love.

I have continued to connect with 2 young boys named Frankie and Michal. I first met them last year when the hockey players from SOS Canada came to Hlinsko. Please continue to pray for increased opportunities to share Christ's love with both of them in the upcoming months.