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Hi Laura

I'm thinking for the video you just mentioned to have Krista talk about one of the experiences she has had with one of our friends or neighbors. As you know ministry here is really about long-term relationship building. It was the first thing that a local pastor named Pavel told us when we first visited and were considering coming here. He said the Czech Republic is not a place for the impatient or someone who gets easily frustrated. He said the country needs people who will settle down and become part of a local community. But I guess I've mentioned this many times before 😊

A lot of these encounters, for men, sound like an "exciting" ministry, but we look at these as long-term opportunities. Just last night my friend Tom invited me to his house. He's a good guy but very inflexible in his ways, I guess you could say stubborn. When I arrived he met me in the front of his house and said he just was in a big fight with his wife. So, he took his camera (he is a photographer) and we went for a walk in the nearby forest and chatted for about two hours while he took pictures. He did mention a few things that he's heard about the Bible but he doesn't really understand. But mostly it was just me encouraging him to try to be more understanding toward his wife and be willing to say sorry to her. He didn't really want to hear it but I think by the end he was thinking about it.

I really appreciate moments like these but I wish they were more frequent with me as guys tend to be much more closed minded. That's one of the reasons I joined the "Looking for God" ministry. I just received an email about 30 minutes ago from the guy who isn't the director of the ministry but is the head of the parent organization over many ministries including that one (4D Ministries). I'd written him that I'd finished the training and I found it very valuable especially in being more of an active listener and more empathetic with people, but I'm really anxious to get my first contact. Even though I did all the training in Czech, he said they are likely waiting for someone who wants to talk in English. Please pray that it will come soon and that I will have patience to wait because I really like talking to people (as is probably clear from the length of this email 😊).

Thank you again for your encouragement and clear guidelines. I apologize for any mistakes as I'm dictating this email as I take my late afternoon walk in the forest.

Blessings

Dan Coyan