
Fwd: December Prayer Letter for the Means Family to Czechia

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America

Being back in America has been a bit of a mixed bag. We do not want to be here because we want to be in the Czech Republic. We felt like we had finally settled in and had started getting an idea of how to start ministry there. No one wanted to leave. Frankly, it was home, and it had been years since we had a home. Not only as we traveled on deputation, but since we left the country we had houses that had never really felt like home. On the other hand, we are able to spend time with family. We are staying at Lisa's parent's home. It is great for the family to be able to spend time with her parents. This is also where Steele lives. Because of his health, he moved in with them and we spent about a year and a half on the road without him. We felt like his last year and a half in high

school was lost time with him. So, it has been great to spend time with him. Finally, the greatest joy is the grandbaby. As I looked through the pictures for this month, I found that almost all the pictures that we have include Ella Mae. I guess that the conclusion is that we would rather be in Brno, but are grateful that God has allowed us to spend this time with family.

Prayer Requests Updates

We are grateful to everyone who has been praying for us. I would like to give an update to our prayer requests. First, Steele's medical condition is unchanged. He was feeling better for a couple of weeks, and we had hoped that a new medication was effective. However, the relief was short lived and a new dose of the medication has done nothing. So, it appears that we have just found something else that did not work. He does have an appointment in January with a new type of doctor who we hope will be able to help. All we can do is pray, and keep on trying to push for a solution.

We have submitted the new visa application, however, we have heard nothing from the Czech government. If it was not for the tracking that we had on the package, we would not even know if they received it. All that we can do is wait. Our plan to stay past the end of this school year is that Lisa will enroll in an English speaking undergraduate course in teaching English to Czechs. Due to her own health issues when she was younger, Lisa never completed an undergraduate and has always felt the desire to do so. It seems that God may have kept her from it, to open this door for us to get a longer visa. The application process starts in January, then she will have an interview in the spring.

School has been difficult while in America. Class is not nearly as good online, but the bigger issue is the distractions (family) that makes it much harder to put in the necessary time to make real progress in the language. When we get back to Brno, we have plans to add a conversation class that is held nightly to help us make faster progress.

Finally, Igor, Ivana, and Jan have not had any progress toward salvation. The English Evenings are run by a friend of ours who is a baptist from America and they continue to come, but have not shown any evidence of being closer to a decision. I have been working on creating lesson plans that will give the time more structure that include both some fun time and Bible.

Thank you for your prayers.

Prayer Requests

- * Steele's medical treatment
- * Visas process
- * School/Language Classes from America
- * Salvation of Igor, Ivana, and Jan

Everyone Spending Time with Ella Mae

- 1) Makayla and Ella Mae made a snowman.
- 2) Lisa took Ella Mae to a kids Christmas attraction park
- 3) Nathan taking on his old role as the horsie.





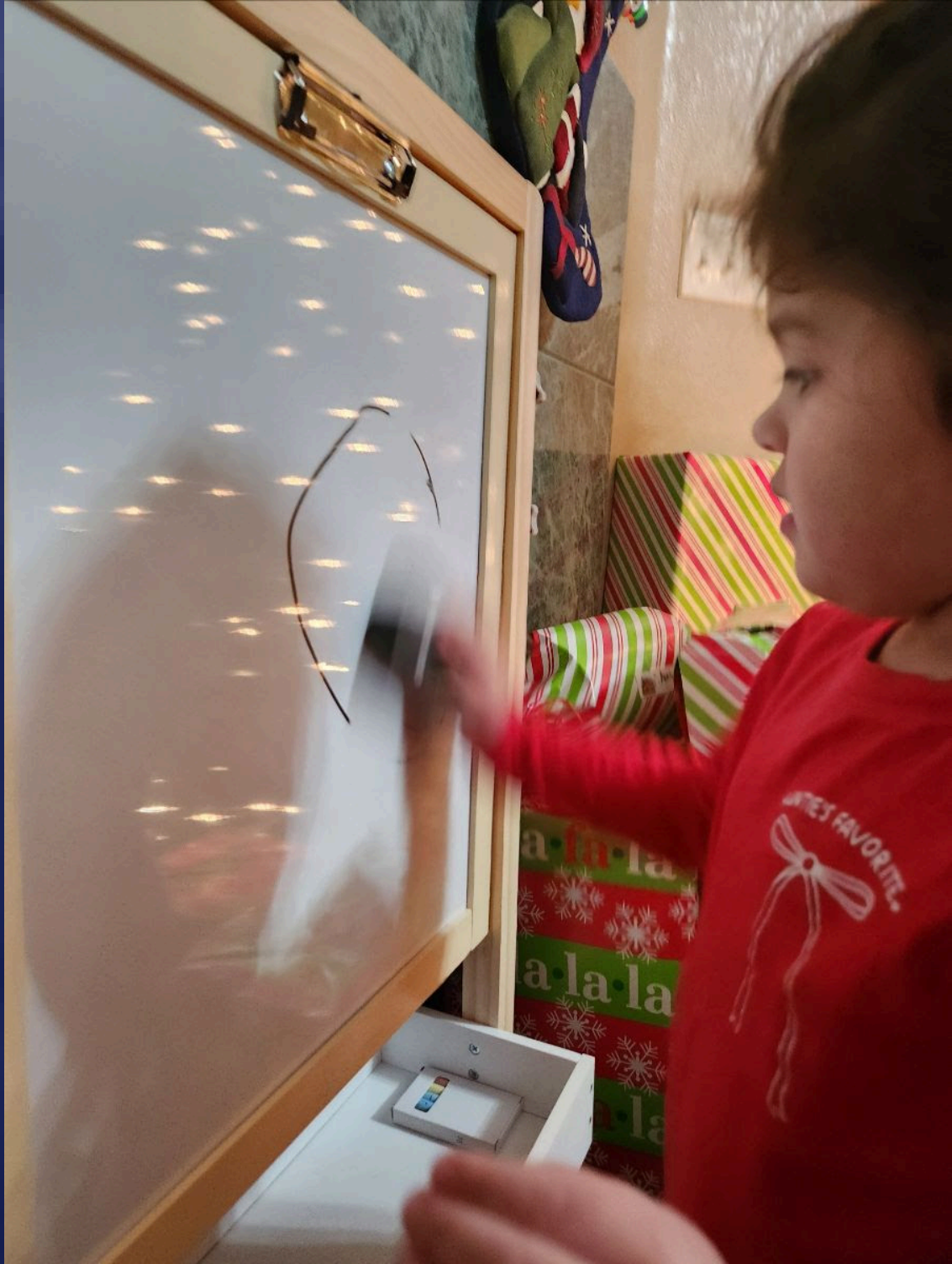


Christmas

- 1) We actually caught Ashlyn in a picture!
- 2) Forced the kids into a family picture.
- 3) Ella Mae playing with her new art desk.
- 4) Ella Mae gracing us all with her "music."









We were able to find Makayla a Christian ranch that she volunteres at to be able to work with horses.



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