

He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6v8



# Czech Fall 2009

Ministering to youth through music and relationships  
October 4th – December 13th

## *An unfinished work*

Friends & Loved Ones,

The road I've walked has never been one of tradition. I knew early on that I belonged to the Lord and that He would direct my path; I just needed to be prepared for the adventures ahead. I have been fortunate enough to travel to Eastern Europe to work and share in Romania at orphanages and with Gypsies and most recently with high school students in Czech Republic. Spreading the gospel has been a huge call on my life and being faithful to that call has been both easy and tough. Easy, because I knew I was called and it was where I needed to walk. Tough, because the choices needed to keep me on that path would be hard and sometimes uncomfortable but always so worth it. I have lived an unconventional life that has not always matched up to some peoples expectations or even what society says is important. However, I have been called to walk a different path. A path that is guided by the Lord; pouring myself into other peoples lives, teaching and developing youth to love the Lord with all their hearts & to know and cherish His Word.

The reason it says 'An unfinished work' above is because there is so much work still to be done. The spring tour in Czech Republic opened my eyes to that fact and I have the opportunity to be a part of that work again. Our spring tour gave me the chance to be a light in one of the most atheistic countries in the world. I was able to sit and speak into the lives of some amazing high school students and share life with them. We played in front of over 5,000 students at public high schools and over 6,500 at concerts. Trust was developed, the gospel was shared and friendships still continue today. It blew me away to be a part of that and it truly blows me away to be back!

Our team has great needs while we are over here; first and foremost, prayers. We are here on a ten week tour, and we are already facing obstacles. There is no doubt that I have been called to be here. So if you feel led, please pray for us. Pray that I would be love, that I would have patience and humility and that I would above all, be faithful.

I have personally raised *just* enough funds to return to the Czech Republic as a member of the fall/winter **EXIT 316 Tour** missions team through Josiah Venture ([www.josiahventure.com](http://www.josiahventure.com)). So the next major need is financial support for Josiah Venture. In order to cover the rest of my expenses, I will need to raise \$4,000. God has already blessed me with prayer partners and support, however I am still far off from the goal. I know God is faithful and the goal will be met. Some are called to go and others to send.

I thank you in advance for any way you choose to support me. This will be a life changing trip and I am so excited for it. If you feel led to donate to the support I need to raise for JV know your donation is tax-deductible, just use the attached form with your support.

Feel free to call or drop me a note to encourage, to challenge, give a prayer request, or just to find out more information. Thank you for your place in my life. I am so excited for this tour and I'll make sure to keep you up to date on how things are going and how they went after we return.

Peace & Blessings,  
LJ (Larry) Lara

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I would like to support Josiah Venture and its ministry through L.J. Lara (Acct #16806).

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