



## Home for the Center for Christian Education

*Progress report*

What started out as a vision about our new home, has now become a reality. After a year-long arduous process, we have successfully secured a 2 million euro loan with a 4 year grace period to purchase a 9012 square metre facility next door to our existing campus. This pivotal moment in our history is a testament to the strength of our mission, the rewards of good stewardship, and the amazing things that God continues to do in Slovakia. Thanks are due to the commitment of supporters of quality Christian education who believe in our vision. With their support we have made history by becoming the first school in Slovakia to ever receive a significant loan from a bank.

The trust we have built within the community, the consistent support of investors, and our enrolment history and projections have literally changed how banks consider schools in the country of Slovakia. Getting this loan from the most conservative and the most reliable bank in the country - Tatrabanka (our bank for the last 15 years), is a momentous recognition of our steady growth and financial history, of our strong and sustainable business plan and of the faithfulness of our God through our partners in Christ.



To pay off that loan, we just need to keep doing for the next 14 years what we have been doing for the last 10 years, namely being the best school in the region. To stay ahead of the competitors, such as public schools that don't charge for tuition, we have to continually keep innovating to show that our education can be more attractive. The acquired building provides the necessary space to create new outreach programs and even generate additional streams of revenue through a full size gym, school supplies shop, and a unique cafeteria experience that will be open to the public. Its location is perfect and the basic infrastructure is there, but it will take our entire CCE community to successfully complete the necessary reconstructions. These we plan to do in three stages during the next three years, each stage costing approximately half-a-million euros.



Thanks to support from many, we already have \$450,000 for the first stage, which includes ten classrooms, two labs and one office. We started yesterday and want to fill up these new premises with 190 students this September. Crazy, but it can be done. Watch this space!

For now, we just want to emphasize that the purchase of our new home for the high school is more than just bricks and mortar; it is a gateway to reach more people with the love of Christ. With this purchase we will be able to increase our enrolment by approximately 100 students in the 2015-2016 school year, as our high school continues to expand and the new building provides additional classroom space for other grades. This increase in students allows us to reduce our lengthy waiting list and moves us towards a model for self-sufficiency within the next 4 years.

This building ultimately means exponential growth not just in our school, but also in the kingdom of God. While our waiting lists have been growing, we praise God for yet again providing an opportunity to reach more families with the love of Christ.

We know that the road to renovation will be full of new challenges, but we take this time to reflect on how far our Lord has brought us. Thanks to all who have supported us in so many ways. The next four years are crucial to the future of the CCE, but we go confidently forward knowing that, with the continued support and power of our God, nothing is impossible.

Please keep us and the future of CCE in your prayers so that we can provide a Christian home for our children; giving them and their families a better chance to live their lives with Christ.

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