

SLOVAKIA: NARNIA NEWS

Narnia School, one of three evangelical primary schools in Slovakia, has started the new school year with great excitement. God has answered many prayers and in an amazing way. A year ago the situation was very different, with even the existence of the school threatened. The Lord has solved two key challenges: where to teach and where to stay. The building, which the school had rented for the last 6 years, was suddenly put on the property market as the city council had decided to sell it. The price was high – 2 million Euros! It seemed that, unless we could come up with the money, we would not be able to continue in the same building, which is centrally placed and which has potential for development. We had in mind, not only a primary school, but also a music school, school clubs and, hopefully in the future, a Christian secondary school.

During the year, one part of the property was taken out of the sale. Finally, in September 2013, when no one else came forward with a legal application to buy the property, miraculously, the Free Evangelical Church, founder of Narnia school, decided to buy the property for 900.000 Euros. This price was accepted by the City council and so it now officially belongs to the Narnia team. We have so many reasons to praise God!

The school is growing. Many parents are interested in placing their children in the school, though they might not be Christians themselves. Maybe only 30% of the families are active Christian families; but the care given to each individual child, the moral education and the high standard of pupils attainment are what attracts many families.

There is a lot happening at the school: a new model of afternoon activities for children – especially teenagers; new teachers who all are Christians and new contacts with people in the city and with businessmen.

The Lord has blessed it very much. The biggest challenge now is to find how to raise 900.000 Euros: so far most of it will be covered by the loan. A second very important prayer need is the desire to continue with Christian education for young people when they reach 15 years of age. We wish to set up a Christian secondary school. Our dream is to establish a bilingual English-Slovak school. Please, help us to pray for qualified people to start the school and to develop it.

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