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message: When Russian army occupied my country - Czechoslovakia, I run away to Sweden so I would not have to live under communist dictatorship again. At that time I did not believe in God, but my God was science in which I believed. There I had a friend who worked as a scientist in a group investigating elementary particles.

Sometimes he took me with him, so I could see how they do experiments. After experiment those scientists would meet in cafe shop to discuss those experiments and conclusion that could be done. When I asked them about the reason for some things which were impossible to happen and yet they did happen (for ex. Particle that had passed energy barrier which they can not pass). On my question how could this happen, they answered that there is a spiritual world, and God interacting with physical universe. I was surprised to hear they believe in God, and since I always loved adventure, diving, travelling - learning and experiencing new things I thought it would be great to be able experience those spiritual worlds too.

Sometimes I went with my mother to Catholic church, not because I was a Christian, but because it was a sort of cultural thing, and Czech emigrants would meet each other there and talk after preaching. From my visits of Church I got an impression that Christians only talk about those spiritual things but that they experience nothing and they said after you are dead first than you will see and experience that what they talk about.

That was not anything for me.

But when some Indian guru arrived to our town promising that he can show us God, that we will hear God and experience his presence, that was something different! I went for this and let myself to be initiated. I did see some supernatural light and heard some noise, which they said was God. Even if there was no evidence that this should be God, yet at least I experienced something supernatural there while all Christians I met with before, were only talking and there was no supernatural sign at all that they would be connected with supernatural God, while all disciples of Jesus did experience and perform supernatural acts, so I thought that I am on right way to God but Christians are not.

After some 10 years I could see some negative changes on my friends with whom we did those Hindu or Buddhist meditations.

Some of them started to be a sort of apathetic and some started to be on contrary explosive angry for even smallest thing their girlfriends or wife's would say. Soon some of them ended up with meditation psychosis in mental hospital, one girl made

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where drugs were sold, and Jesus was there doing miracles, and healing, saving them. Those people were not interested to listen to us in the beginning, they were even aggressive, but when they have seen Gods power in action, it was quite different. Prostitueds who were beating our girls in the beginning were later on almost fighting between each other, because each wanted us to pray for her first. They have seen that our God is living God by those healings He did among them. Than I took my 21foot sailing boat and sailed to Canary Island to preach among hippies who lived there in caves and were deep in New Age , occult and drugs. Soon the group of saved people was formed since Jesus showed them with his Power (not only my words) that He is relay alive.

After about one year I run out of money so I went home to earn some more, so I could serve God again among those hippies. At this time communism fell in Czechoslovakia, so I sold boat on Canary Island, and with that money I went to Prague to serve God there.

In Prague I met people from Harvest International who were travelling around in old buses with circus tent preaching and praying for sick, so I went with them for some years . We have seen thousands and thousands of people to come to Jesus and to be healed. Gods power was so strong there, that when I saw some person who could not walk properly or move hands, I was glad that people in tent will see Gods Healing power in action, since majority of those people Jesus healed completely or they got considerably better. (In west only few people were healed, not majority) Than some business man paid me to go with them to Thailand, to translate business. I stayed there for several months and could do evangelisation with local pastors or preach in the church, since business took only few hours in week. Then I got invitation to be a pastor and also invitation by US missionary to work with him with boat ministry which I preferred most. I told them I would need a wife to live in Thailand!

permanently so I went back to Czech republic to get one. When I came to Prague I asked God to send me a wife to Methodist Church, which I planed to visit on Sunday. On Sunday Iwent to Church and at the tram station I saw a nice girl with beautiful ayes. So I told God I would like a girl like that, and also to give me courage to talk to her. He gave me courage so I gave her Christian tractate and invited her to that Methodist Church behind the corner where I was on way to. She told me , she is also going to that Church, she is only waiting for her father. She came to Church, gave me her address, 3days later I asked her if she would mind living on sailing boat or in the simple hut in jungle, and she said she would love it, therefore I asked her to marry me and she said yes. 3weeks after I met her, we got married when my pastor Gösta Öman come to Prague. I think it is normally much better when people know each other longer time before they get married, but I wanted to get !

back to Thailand soon. First long time after that, she admitte!
d that she was praying to God same week as I did, telling Him that she does not want to be alone any more, asking Him to send her a husband who is older than she and who likes adventure a lot, to that Methodist Church (where she normally does not go - and neither did I) that Sunday.

Back in Thailand we were happy to see how God was doing His miracles and saving people. Once we were for example asked to pray for an old man who fell from a high mango tree and broke his back so he could not walk and doctors said they can not do anything for him anymore. We prayed to Jesus for whom there are no hopeless cases, and next day he told his doughtier that in the dream he heard a voice telling him he is healed now and can go to WC by himself, but he was arguing that he can not walk. When he woke up, he went to WC by himself and his doughtier said he is not so much surprised that Jesus healed him, but what surprised him very much was that God of foreigners can speak so perfectly Thai language.

After about one year we came back to Czech because my wife got pregnant and we did not have money for delivery in Thailand.

Now we are living in Czech republic, but not in Prague any more since we were flooded away from there 2 years ago. We have 2children, 9 years and 1,5 years old. Patrik