Participant: Edgars Mažis

Sending Institution: Luther Academy

Host Country: Slovakia

Host Institution: University of Matej Bel

Mobility Duration: October 19- October 23

Motivation to participate in Erasmus study mobility

I chose to participate in Erasmus+ mobility program because of need to increase my teaching skill in the area of the Old Testament, especially of the book of Genesis.

Cooperation with the sending and receiving institutions

I experienced full support of Luther Academy and University of Matej Bel before, during and after the mobility program. All questions and inquiries were answered and solved in shortest time period. Even the car parking in the premises of the church where solved very quickly.

Academic and personal achievements

Professionally I learned more about exegetical methods of Genesis 1 and how to interpret Creation texts in the context of the Temple. Created world as a Temple, Temple as sanctuary for Israel nation and for the church today and body of human being as a Temple of the Holy Spirit.

Most memorable impressions

Possibility to explore Genesis 1 text from the point of seeing which words are repeated and how this allows to see the importance of the text for better exegesis. Also discussion in group after the lectures.

Visit of Banska Šlavnica.

Fellowship with students.

Practical advice for future Erasmus+ participants

For the future participants I would encourage to be ready for very intensive study time during the program and to prepare for interaction with participants and teachers.

Additional reflections

Since flying to Banska Bystrica was not available, we were driving with a car. It was long 14 hours drive and in one day it was tiring experience. In the future would be good to go in 2 days.

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