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Sending Institution: Luther Academy

Host Country: Slovakia

Host Institution: Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica (Department of Theology and Christian Education)

Mobility Duration: 19-23 October 2026 (5 days)

Motivation to participate in Erasmus study mobility

I wanted to go on Erasmus+ because it was a chance to see how other Christian universities study the Bible and theology. I am a first-year full time student, so I also wanted to learn more about Genesis 1 because it is beginning and I think it is a fundamental knowledge and also to meet new people from other countries.

Cooperation with the sending and receiving institutions

Luther Academy sent a group of 12 people (teachers, students and our administrator). The organisers at Matej Bel University took care of the programme, registration and information about accommodation. On the first evening every school introduced itself in a panel discussion. After each lecture we worked in small groups and then shared our results with everyone. Students from Matej Bel also held a high quality of hospitality by providing coffee-breaks and helping with technical stuff and organisation.

Academic and personal achievements

I learned that original languages are very important for understanding the Bible, and that Bible studies and theology help each other. I learned to read a text more carefully, to notice symmetry and parallelism, and to ask not only what happened but also why the author wrote it this way. In Genesis 1 we saw that God made the world with order, that every person has a place and a calling, and that we were created to have a relationship with God. We also talked about the seventh day as a day of rest.

The lecture about the temple showed me that the temple does not always change our problems, but it can change how we see them. Another thing I remember is that before God everyone is equal, a shop cashier or a president, if they do the right thing and care about order. Personally, I achieved extra points in my English knowledge because I met people from other countries and listened to lectures in English.

Most memorable impressions

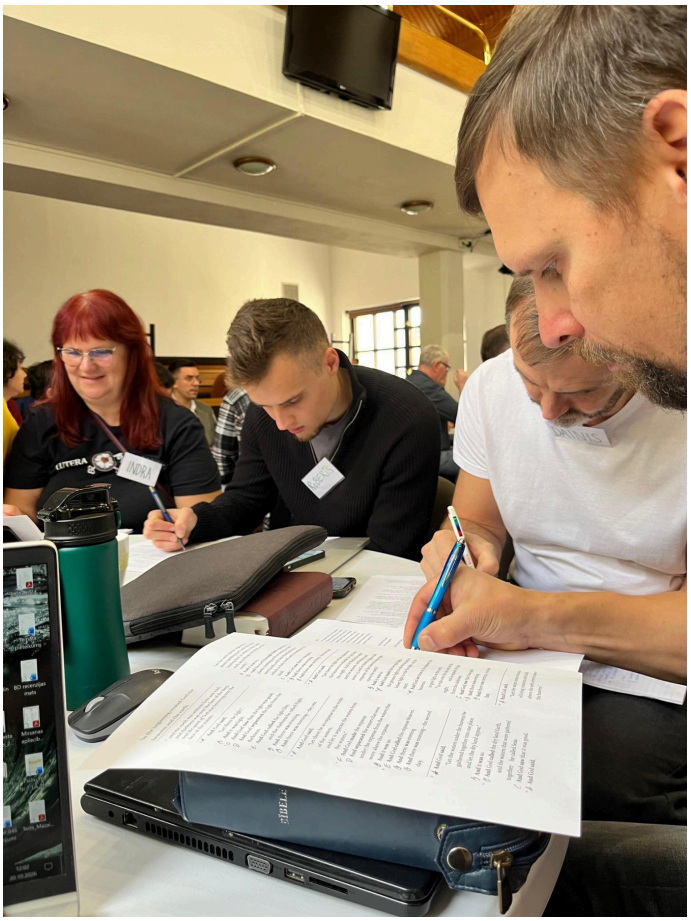
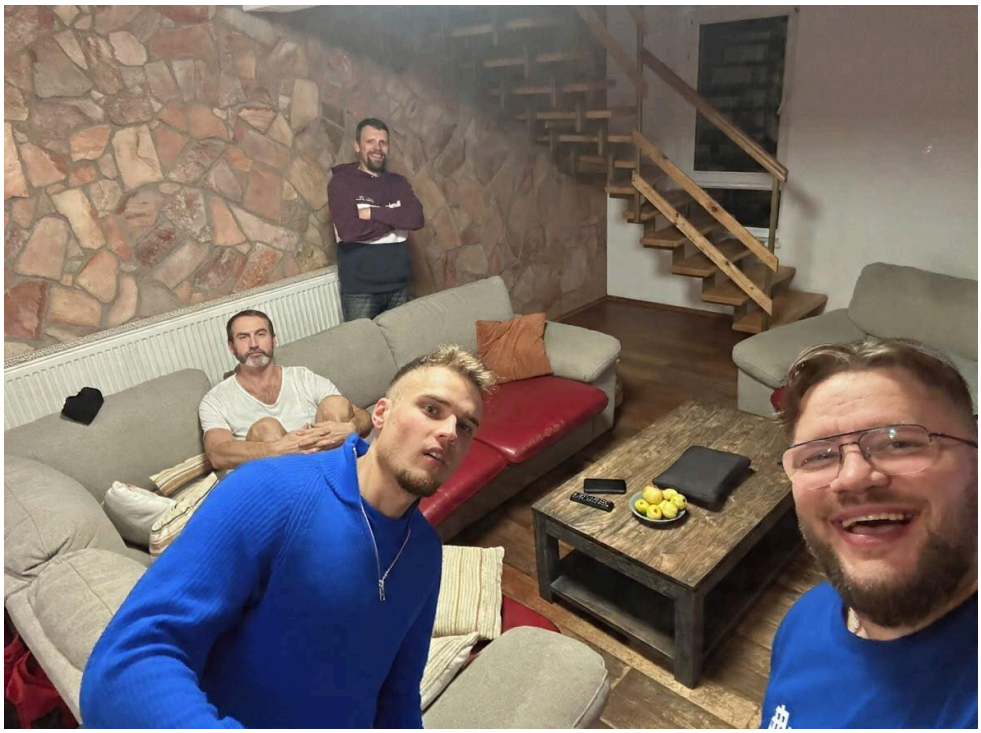
The trip to Banská Štiavnica, the old mining town from the UNESCO list was my favourite experience. I also remember the warm morning devotions and worship and the idea in one of the lecture that in Revelation the temple becomes a home where God lives with people.

Practical advice for future Erasmus+ participants

Register on time and make sure that you have registered in all places. Check the accommodation places early and make a reservation. Everything in Banská Bystrica is close to the centre, so it is easy to walk. Take a notebook, because there are a lot of ideas in the lectures Try the local cafés they have amazing food.

Additional reflections

I am thankful to Luther Academy and Matej Bel University for this opportunity. This week helped me see that the Bible is connected with everyday life, not only with church. I would recommend this experience to other students.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