

STEIGER'S CHRISTMAS GREETING FROM PRAGUE 2008

*Dear Friends and Partners of the HCJB Global Ministry to
Czech and Slovak Peoples,*



Broadcasting in Slovakia

Inspect our progress on the left. You see the mast without antenna. It is fastened at the top of a 10-story building that is on a hill overlooking the entire city of Banská Bystrica. It is such a beautiful view. It looks too good to be true. It is true! We have slipped our foot in the door. It is the first evangelical FM station in all of the former Czechoslovakia. Pray that additional antennas follow:

Christmas Season is here again

We informed you in the last letter about our intention to use our frequent mile awards to visit our kids and grandkids in October and November 2008.

On the way we reconnected with our supporting church and friends in NYC. Our stay in New Hampshire was another highlight. Grandkids are fantastic and little Jordan already picked up some "Steiger genes". She is a vibrant, happy baby and everyone adores her. Emma is a ballerina—she is very serious about that. We joyfully laughed while we watched her performance at her ballet

class. A birthday celebration was the pinnacle of our stay. Sam is now eight and we sure noticed a big change. Nathan is seven, Emma three and Jordan will be two next July. If everything goes well for the family, they will visit us here in Prague next May.

The third part of our trip was true rest in Florida. We had a marvelous time, beautiful weather and no responsibilities. Actually we lived without internet; we checked our mail occasionally in the library. BIG THANKS to everyone who was part of our stay in the USA this time.

Communication gap explanation:

We missed our regular Prayer letter in November 2008. First, we were traveling and resting. We could prepare the mailing in the U.S. however we received following message about our printing from HCJB:

... Also, due to reduction in staff we will be unable to offer this service (printing and mailing) from this point forward. I can recommend a mail house - The Mail Room, Inc. They are in Colorado Springs and we use them for our large mailings. Their minimum quantity is 200 so you should have no problem. – We hope so. Now we are in the process of setting new service.

Prayer support—we need you more than ever

- *Establishing new Prayer letter mailing service*
- *Pray for Slovak broadcasting. We have bought most of the electronic hardware and equipment for broadcasting in Slovakia. Target day to be on the air is sometime in January 2009. Please pray that all loose ends will fit together. All people involved need His protective hand over them.*
- *January transition magazine publishing—we will continue to be involved.*
- *Global economic situation is felt already here. No hustle bustle of frantic shopping and spending, no crowds of tourist, some manufacturing is closing down, export is slowing down, ...*
- *Please pray that His name will be gloried and our testimony will be clear. Most of the people there are non believers.*

Latest Events

We planed to spend Christmas at home with the idea to open our home to friends and relatives living here. This was the plan however Klara's mom passed away December 10th—totally unexpectedly. We praise the Lord she departed in dignity and without suffering. After we entered her room, deciding what to do first, we turned her radio on. A few minutes later we heard Amazing grace in English—on secular radio, this was not related to anything what was said before or after. For us this was a touch of amazing peace from heaven. Next week on the 18th we will have memorial service in the Chapel of the Retirement place where she lived. In the meantime we have many things to take care of and our Christmas will be without usual decorating, baking and cooking.

Praise

- *The Lord prepared us for turbulent time we entered in. We came home rested and did not feel jet-lag at all. As we resumed all our responsibilities, we hold together quite good.*
- *Mom's departure was timed that we arrived home on time, spent an afternoon with her less than week before her death. We didn't have to cancel one scheduled event or appointment.*
- *Her friends in retirement center were surprised as much as we were. She died early morning and previous day her daily activities and routines were same as every day. Her life was full and we are glad that we had opportunity to write down many stories and events in her life.*

To conclude, we wish you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR! It is our prayer that your heart will be filled with the joy and peace that is found only in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Small Czech Christmas season gift:

<http://www.thedumplingnews.com/christmasrecipes.htm>

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