

## **THE STEIGER'S E-PRAYER and PRAISE REPORT; AUGUST 2005/3**

**Dear Friends,**

This is another special monthly e-mail prayer and praise report (E-PPR) about Czech and Slovak ministry to share with you our current needs. We ASKED - YOU PRAYED - HE ANSWERED:

### **SUMMER - FAMILY - FRIENDS - SPECIAL PROJECTS**

We wish summer greetings to all of you. School vacations started with a rainy and cold days. However, since everyone has at least one month of vacation, most of the people are away from their homes and Sunday attendance in the churches is quite low. More active churches are organizing English summer camps for youth and families. Many teams from US and UK come to teach. What does it mean for us? Time to do what otherwise we do not have time to do.

**Family reunion:** Five out of six Pavel's cousins and their spouses met at Pavel's brother summer house in Germany (Bavaria). It was a special time and the rainy weather was keeping us close together. Opportunity to compare and share life philosophies and beliefs can be again concluded with ... only the Lord can give growth to the words that are planted.

**Family events:** As we heard about hurricane Emily we also prayed for safe and gentle delivery of expected granddaughter Emily. She is due in mid-August. Actually, it can be any day from now on. Her brothers already climbed into her bed to check if it is comfortable enough.

Klara's brother from Denver recently got married and our son Vit represented our family at the ceremony as photographer and driver. The newlyweds are planning to visit our mother and us here in late August and first part of September.

**Friends:** Last time we mentioned Klara's reunion in Northern Bohemia. We have planned for many years and were finally able to go with another couple to Dresden, a German town that was leveled to the ground at the end of II World War. The town was bombed so severely that the glow of the explosions was seen in Prague. In one raid some 30,000 people were killed. Before the war Dresden used to be a German showcase of architectural and fine art. After the War just hills of rubble were left. Only a few front walls remained standing. Now, 60 years later, the major part of historical town is resurrected to the former glory. Most of the collections were taken away during the war and thus spared from destruction but the galleries and displays of treasures are back. This is a wonderful side trip and anyone planning to come to Prague should reserve a weekend to visit this part of former East Germany. Weekend roundtrip train ticket cost's about \$25 for couple and special pass for museums really makes it worthwhile. We had an opportunity to share the Gospel on the train, while hiking, driving, ... but again, only the Lord can give growth to the planted words.

During one of the visits with friends we met Emir Fethi Caner, co-author of "Christian Jihad" written by two former Muslim brothers. Emir married a Czech girl that our younger son was dating 15 years ago. Both authors are now professors of Theology, currently teaching Church history at Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va. and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. Both professors co-authored "More Than a Prophet," "Unveiling Islam" and others. "Christian Jihad" examines the impact of Christian atrocities on modern personal,

cultural, and even international relations, question popular views of just war, and challenge each of us to face our past and redeem our future." The book includes a Comparison of the Speeches of Pope Urban II (1095) and Usama Bin Ladin (1998) is an eye opener. No wonder that people in Europe, after more than thousand-year history of the Christian church are distrustful. This is one of the explanations about how come that the Church in America is still strong. People in United States are not burdened by bloody past of the Christian church. Recent tragic terrorist events in London and Egypt made all of us once again very aware of difficult times we live in.

**Special projects and events:** Translation of next issue of our pocket theology is done and Pavel is checking and formatting everything to get the text ready for printing. Praise the Lord we have the funds to publish. The translating project of Steve Cole sermons is also moving ahead. It is joy and blessing to work with His word.

Klara took on a special summer home improvement project to paint two bedrooms. To achieve desired tone of the paint was a challenge for her. She mixed two selected color tones, using the measuring cups, scale, pots and pans, making samples, changing the ratio ... testing, waiting and mixing some more. This was a perfect way to brighten rainy July days.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Safe delivery of Emily
- Our readers and listeners
- Day-to-day ministry

Thank you for your love and prayers.

In His Service,

Klara and Pavel Steiger