

THE STEIGER'S E-PRAYER and PRAISE REPORT; DECEMBER 2005/5



Dear Friends,

December is time for another special monthly E-mail Prayer and Praise Report (E-PPR) about Czech and Slovak ministry: **WE ASKED—YOU PRAYED—HE ANSWERED:**

HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING

You prayed for October activities overload and we all reaped the blessings. At the two conferences in Prague we met number of former college students we worked with years ago. Then boys are now heads of families and vital part of local churches and other ministries. Especially Klara was happy to hug them as her own sons. We are greatly encouraged that seed of our labor did not fall “...*among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them...*” But rather it fell “...*into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. (Mt 13:7)*”

- We are in process of creating transcript from the conference—Growth of Islam and what it means in 21. Century. There is a possibility that the text will be used by secular “Czech Radio 6” station. The Lord brought us at the right time to the right place to meet a couple of Czech broadcasters we were contacted 15 years ago in London.

RADIO7 IS ON THE AIR

On October 27, 2005 we met with Trans World Radio – CZ and with great joy finalized our involvement in this ministry. The dispatch studio, HCJB participated on, is a perfect addition. About a dozen full time workers and some volunteers are trained to take turns during 24-hour live broadcasting. Blessings and concerns go hand in hand. It is great to listen all day to Christian station. We are looking forward to co-host some live programs. TWR–CZ budget is short of about \$1200 monthly. Satellite broadcasting should be on the air in January 2006.

Please pray that we can utilize effectively our former production in more than one way. We have just finished a series of programs “*Come and follow me*,” that can be easily edited into a book form and used as evangelization tool. Rich resources of different materials we created in previous years are bringing fruit and harvest.

If you want to experience the Radio7 just enter into your viewer <http://www.radio7.cz/> then select and click on one of the six audio formats below the picture of receiver and pretend that you understand Czech language—music is however international.

- Pavel rendered an interview to a Czech Christian web site Granosalis: <http://www.granosalis.cz> and was immediately nominated for “Golden Pearl” award for November 2005. He won the online ballot by 44 %.

HCJB EUROPEAN BOARD MEETING in Männedorf, Switzerland, November 25-27. 2005:

First of all we want to thank you for your prayers. We drove about 1000 miles round-trip to Zurich at the time of the first winter calamity in Europe. We do not know how but the Lord kept us on dry roads both directions to Switzerland and back. The storm was always a couple of hours behind us. On the way back it caught up with us for a few miles on the Czech side, however it was slower than our car. We parked our car at home and in an hour streets were white. Those, who were arriving to Zurich by plane had much more dramatic trip. Flights were cancelled and delayed. Because of the winter conditions our program had version A, B, and C. During the opening session we had an opportunity to reflect the previous letter we received from Eric Moore, HCJB Regional Director Euro-Asia / NAME. He arrived due to severe weather conditions a day later. Some bullets of his letter:

- A sincere word of thanks...
- A request to support with greater vision and drive...
- Only God knows, and only eternity will reveal the true results of all the work done.

Hans Zollinger, the Swiss World Office Director, shared with us his thought process after reading Eric's letter:

My first reaction

- This is balm for my soul.

My second reaction:

- Is Eric requesting more of us? Isn't it enough what we do? Doesn't he know that we hardly can cope with our work?

My conclusion and response:

- Nothing is impossible for God. I will try to fully trust God. I will try to be ready for the needed changes. May God help us being obedient and stepping out in faith.

The Conference was probably one of the most difficult ones we ever had. As the HCJB World Radio ministries are reaching more and more countries with numerous projects, there are many responsibilities we have to cope with. Major topic of the conference were:

- Where and how do World Offices plug into the Mission?
- What is the relationship between World Offices and Regional Directors?
- What are the questions and suggestions to organization's structures?
- Each Regional Office is involved in numerous project.
- Most of the regions are facing shortage of personnel and funding.

MINISTRY SITUATION AND CHANGES

We asked for prayer for the broadcasting and studio situation in Slovakia:

- Studio situation is showing some progress and set backs at the same time. We have mixed feelings about several issues. We are waiting for His answer and intervention.
- We are excited to report that TWR-SK will use our Slovak programs, presently broadcasted by Radio Lumen.
- Our magazine translator and editor are not able to do their work on time or at all, due to difficult family situation. For this reason we decided that as of next year we will mail to Slovak readers only Czech version of the magazine. We shall see what that will do to the readership.
- On the other hand we are excited that a number of Czech and Slovak Christians as they are involved in various ministry ways. They know best what is needed and how to do it. We feel that His Kingdom is not diminishing and nationals are raised and trained to serve.
- Gabi is moving in January to Wales, UK. Vladimir is in Ireland. All this means that we have to carry part of their ministry work. Gabi will help us, the same way as the Vladimir does at the present, i.e. in their free time.
- Our workload is changing and we need to make some major adjustments.

We ask you for your prayers to do right decisions at right time, not to hurt or disappoint any one.

**OUR BEST WISHES FOR HOLLIDAY SEASON
HIS BLESSINGS AND PROTECTION FOR EVERY DAY. HAPPY 2006.**

Thank you for your love and prayers.

In His Service,
Klara and Pavel Steiger

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