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DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS OF
THE REACH BEYOND MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLES
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAKIA

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it. A man came, one sent from God, and his name was John. He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light. This was the true Light that, coming into the world, enlightens every person. He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, and yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not accept Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God. (John 1:1-13)

NOVEMBER, TIME TO GIVE THANKS

Another year of Czech and Slovak ministry is coming to an end. Even after thirty years in the field, we are enjoying more challenges and opportunities. Sometimes we ask ourselves, how many fruitful lives have we actually lived? We are amazed at how many difficult decisions we have had to make and how the Lord brought us back to the place we were born where we can be most useful. With that introduction, we want to thank every one of you, every congregation, for your faithfulness and generosity.

We live in a time full of challenges. The world is changing before our eyes. Whether the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is at the door, we do not know, but we see firsthand that the powers of evil, both secular and spiritual, are waging a fierce battle for the minds of our generation and the souls of today's people. Every generation has had its struggles. Our prayer is that even the most horrific events will lead to the salvation of many, and those who stand on the front lines.

PRAISE THE LORD

LILI – From Totality to Freedom, a 20th-century comic book is out. The extraordinary story of a young Jewish girl whose carefree childhood turned from one day to the next into a struggle for life. Can something similar happen today? Lili not only lost all her security but also survived three years in the Terezín ghetto. The suffering she endured and all that followed is an inspiration to anyone who has not yet found the answer to the question: "Why do bad things happen in the world?" The light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ permanently transformed her life. Lili and her daughter Georgina were instrumental in the shortwave Christian radio broadcast of HCJB's Good News from Ecuador, which was the voice of encouragement and help during the time of communist totalitarianism. Thank God, Lili turned 97 in July 2022 and her message will remain with us for all eternity. Take a look at the book preview: <https://fliphtml5.com/udsh/khge>

DAB/DMB BROADCASTING TECHNOLOGIES

Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) started in Norway in 1991. Norway is also the first country to have implemented a national FM radio switch-off, with others to follow in the next years. It is not used in the United States. DAB standard is dominant in Europe and is also used in parts of Africa, Asia, and Australia. See more:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Countries_using_DAB/DMB
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_Audio_Broadcasting#:~:text=The%20Norwegian%20Broadcasting%20Corporation%20\(NRK,many%20countries%20since%20the%20millennium.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_Audio_Broadcasting#:~:text=The%20Norwegian%20Broadcasting%20Corporation%20(NRK,many%20countries%20since%20the%20millennium.)

Czech Christian broadcasting of Radio 7, formerly TWR, was recently granted by Czech Broadcasting Council a DAB license for eight years. We produced a weekly program for TWR and later on Radio 7 for 20 years. The programming emphasizes the spoken word, especially biblical messages. "Seven signifies the 7 days of the week and is also the number of God's fullness and blessing," the station explains its name. The station has so far only broadcast on the internet and satellite. "The current technological limit, determined by the number of DAB transmitters built, is about 95% of the population". The annual cost to distribute the signal is set at 1.35 million CZK a year, about \$55,115. Czech believers contribute to the broadcasts with their donations, which make up about 85 percent of the revenue. The remaining donations come from abroad.

Broadcasting report from Slovakia

The DAB signal in Slovakia covers max. 30%. One of the reasons is the frontal, hilly relief of Slovakia. The Czech Republic is flatter, and open for signal propagation. Therefore, it is practically impossible to get a new FM frequency in the Czech Republic while in Slovakia it is still possible to get an FM frequency of a small local range. Therefore, in Slovakia, there is not such a strong interest or pressure for the introduction of digital radio. If I had sufficient and prospective financial sources for operation, I would also be able to obtain additional FM frequencies. This also applies

to digital radio in the DRM system, which is broadcasting on the frequencies of the original medium-wave transmitters with much greater coverage. These transmitters with their tall antenna masts are still standing, they have not been disposed of, although they are not used at all. This system is already being tested in the Czech Republic. In Slovakia, it is practically unheard of. I, however, consider DRM broadcasting to be much more promising and efficient. But unfortunately, in "my era", I will not get there ... Milan H.

Thanks to the DAB license, there are new challenges. Ways of reaching the Czechs with the Gospel are changing every day. Virtually all new radio receivers sold in the Czech Republic are equipped with a DAB receiver.

NEW MOVIE — MEDIEVAL

This is a movie about a Czech Christian warrior, Jan Žižka, a follower of Jan Hus (John Huss), and a miraculously successful military leader who never lost a battle. It is an action-packed historical epic inspired by the true story of one of the greatest warriors in history. In this sweeping saga of war and betrayal, a daring mercenary fights for freedom against corrupt kings. See more:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medieval_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medieval_(film))

A Christian friend from our church who recently moved and got married in Arizona a year ago wrote:

I was impressed with Ben Foster as Jan Žižka and enjoyed every minute of the movie. It gave me extra pleasure to watch all the foreign actors sing a famous Hussite war song "Ktož jsú Boží bojovníci" (Ye Who Are Warriors of God) in the original old Czech language. It's available in English on Amazon Prime.

A small note by Pavel: Because this film is an American-Czech production, the American producers had certain requirements. The film should feature at least one black person and a homosexual. Such a requirement will astonish any Czech. I first saw a black man when I was 11 years old, a classmate of mine who had a Czech mother. Then in college, one from Ethiopia and two from Cuba. Then all the others when I was 28 when we immigrated to the US. I guess the medieval Czechs had only heard of blacks and maybe didn't even believe they existed. Even today, when a black man gets on a tram in Prague, people may stare in amazement.

AN INSPIRATION FROM JAN AMOS KOMENSKÝ

John Amos Comenius was a Czech philosopher, pedagogue, and theologian who is considered the father of modern education. Comenius introduced several educational concepts and innovations including pictorial textbooks written in native languages instead of Latin, teaching based on gradual development from simple to more comprehensive concepts, and lifelong learning with a focus on logical thinking over dull memorization.

Teach by example, in word and writing, or by life, language, and in writing. He who teaches with the tongue or with his voice does well, but he who teaches also with pen and letter does even better because writings reach farther than the mere voice and reach people even at a distance. But he does best who teaches by his life, and what he teaches by pen and tongue he testifies by his example.

J.A. Komenský

PRAISE AND PRAYER NEEDS

- First of all, do not succumb to misinformation, do not cease praying, and rely on God's guidance in everything.
- Wisdom and guidance in all upcoming elections.
- HAPPY THANKSGIVING – we have many reasons to Praise the Lord for another year.
- Expenditure, particularly in the area of publishing, is lately increasing substantially. The cost of paper has not only more than doubled, but generally speaking, paper is becoming critically scarce. The reason? Huge quantities of wood needed for pulp production are being exported to China. Expensive paper is being imported back. Wood is being burned in homes because there is a shortage of coal. Gas prices from Russia have reached astronomical levels on the exchanges. Timber is cut in large and protected areas because it is infested by bark beetles. Will it take another 50 years before new trees are grown for further processing? The only thing that seems to be somewhat down this year for the mission ministry is financial support, but we are far from broke.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS,
SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION
IN OUR LIVES AND THE CZECH & SLOVAK MINISTRIES**

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