



A Time for Everything

*For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under
heaven:*

- a time to be born, and a time to die;*
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;*
- a time to kill, and a time to heal;*
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;*
- a time to weep, and a time to laugh;*
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*
- a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;*
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;*
- a time to seek, and a time to lose;*
- a time to keep, and a time to cast away;*
- a time to tear, and a time to sew;*
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;*
- a time to love, and a time to hate;*
- a time for war, and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)*

DECEMBER 2024 DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS OF THE REACH BEYOND MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLES OF CZECHIA AND SLOVAKIA

DEAR FRIENDS

This year's pre-Christmas period was marked by one question on many minds: "To go or not to go?" – especially for the masses of visitors to Prague.



Unlike previous years, when we eagerly embraced the festive hustle and bustle, this time we find ourselves in a more reflective and calm state of mind.

Looking back on 2024, it felt like a roller coaster ride – not only in the world, but also in our lives and the lives of our close friends. The first month of the year was for Pavel to get back to normal after his surgery. The arrival of spring lifted our spirits and the promise of new beginnings was in the air.

In May, we had the joy of traveling to America for our grandson's wedding. All eleven Steigers gathered for the celebration (except for the couple at the top right – our daughter-in-law's brother and his wife).



This joyous family event in New Hampshire was accompanied by meaningful visits to our sponsoring church in Queens, a quick stop in New York and a cultural stop at the "Neue Galerie" (New Gallery), followed by a heartwarming reunion with friends in New Jersey. As always, these encounters were a source of strength, inspiration, and renewed energy for our ministry.

MINISTRY

On the ministry front, the year 2024 was a "rocket launch" of new technologies that we put into use: (1) professional translator DeepL and (2) AI tool ChatGPT. They revolutionized our ability to translate Pavel's book "My Glory I Will Not

Give to Another" from Czech into Polish and English. The next step was really endless labor, especially since neither English nor Polish are our native languages: grammatical and stylistic corrections, ensuring theological accuracy, checking the right expressions against various Bible translations. Coordinating these translation projects involved countless tasks: rounds of meticulous proofreading, synchronizing theological terminology, and ensuring accurate translation of Scripture in both languages. It is amazing how the Lord provided a number of willing native speakers at each stage of the project. The English edition in particular went through several stages of refinement and stylistic editing. Special thanks to our final editor, who transformed Pavel's "Czenglish" into polished American English. All that's left is to finalize the book layout, sort out the cover design, and approach Amazon or another publisher for distribution. We are considering first putting the book up on the internet in an interactive PDF format. The Polish version is already in the hands of theologians, editors, and publishers in Poland.

As for the English edition, our dear friend and mentor, Pastor Steve Cole, beautifully introduced the book by his endorsement:

Many Christians struggle with the doctrines of predestination and di-

vine election. Do these doctrines mean that people are just robots? What practical value do these doctrines have for my daily life? Why does the Bible teach them at all if they're so confusing? In My Glory I Will Not Give to Another, Pavel Steiger answers these perplexing questions with clarity and depth. Read this book and chew on it. Your spiritual life will be richer for it.

Looking ahead, publishing the translated editions of "My Glory I Will Not Give to Another" will be a major focus for 2025. But that's not all – Pavel is working on a new book, tentatively titled "And They Will Reign with Him for a Thousand Years." For now it is in Czech. The early feedback on this project has been incredibly encouraging and motivates us to continue this labor of love.

EVENTS OF 2024

- Summer brought us to a traditional mountain retreat with fellow believers, mostly from Brno. While we opted for more relaxed activities - strolling from café to café and museum to museum - the spiritual program was, as always, a great blessing.
- Throughout the year we welcomed visitors from overseas and participated in several conferences. Pavel's last sermon

was entitled "Two Resurrections."

- In October, we had a wonderful time with our single son. Together we enjoyed a relaxing week in Egypt. Meanwhile, back at home, our trusted handyman gave our walls a fresh coat of paint. Upon our return, our son helped us rehang everything and left our home refreshed and renewed.
- Our grand newlyweds are doing well and are expecting arrival of their first baby close wedding anniversary soon. We rejoice that two strong Christian families will be blessed by this event.

***Thank you for your prayers,
support and participation
in our life and in the Czech
and Slovak ministries.***

IN HIS SOVEREIGN GRACE

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