



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

**DECEMBER 2025
DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS OF
THE REACH BEYOND MINISTRY
TO THE PEOPLES OF CZECHIA
AND SLOVAKIA**

The shortest days of the year had begun. The autumn leaves had not yet fallen when a November surprise arrived. Before "Saint Martin on a white horse" could come in the first week of December—before the traditional "Saint Nicholas with devils and angels," and even before the first week of Advent began—a hard frost struck. Klara's collection of beautiful geranium cultivars froze; everything left outside was lost. Since then, a temperature inversion has persisted, bringing freezing fog... The days have been dark and short. In these dark days, it seems that the memory of the Lord Jesus Christ's birth is fading.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. (Isaiah 9:2)

Sadly, the true meaning of His coming into our lives is being overshadowed by crowds and noise, the shopping rush, and wars on several nearby fronts.

The world is full of distressing news, conflicts, and disasters. Day after day, we watch reports and commentary about lives lost and homes and infrastructure destroyed. The end

of this madness is not in sight—only futile, much-criticized attempts to stop the wars.

FAMILY NEWS

In June, a child was born—Edmund Filip, the fourth living generation of the Steiger family. We became great-grandparents. Our older son and his wife became grandparents; our first grandson and his wife became parents.

Our younger son, Vit, is single and lives in Denver. This year he had business in Germany and managed to visit us twice over two long weekends. As usual, he will spend Christmas with the family of his brother, our older son in New Hampshire, rejoicing with the parents of little Edmund. Edmund is—and will surely continue to be—the center of everyone's attention.

The Advent season reminds us that in Christ we have the assurance that light will overcome the spiritual darkness of this world (John 1:5).

We rejoice that next year, at Easter, the whole family plans to fly over to visit us—six adults and the newest bearer of the family line.

This Christmas season we are expecting several visitors, not only from nearby but also from far away—from America, Germany, and Australia.

**VISITORS AND
OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Several long-time friends from California, Colorado, and Arizona will stop by to say hello and reconnect with us on various occasions. An unexpected meeting with someone we have known for decades—and with whom we have remained in contact—is a blessing that feels almost heavenly!

In October, we received a shipment of twenty author copies of Pavel's book, *My Glory I Will Not Give to Another*. To those of you who ordered the book, thank you for your words of encouragement.

In the first week of December, the note appeared on Amazon: "Only 12 left in stock (more on the way)." Only God knows what impact the book will have.

PRAYER MOMENTS

- Pavel's next manuscript is in progress; a publisher in the USA has already expressed interest in publishing it.
- Even though the number of donors is gradually decreasing—from time to time a letter is returned because the recipient is no longer among us—almost every month a gift from a first-time supporter appears and pleasantly surprises us.
- Our Jewish neighbor and friend has finished his earthly journey, reconciled with God in the arms of Christ. We were with him until the very end. The memorial service for the family took place in a Catholic cathedral. His wife is a devoted Catholic. Boris often said, "She has her faith and I have mine." The Lord gave him a new heart. Martina was grateful for the times when they prayed together to their Lord and Savior. We also had the opportunity to speak with his brother. In the course of the conversation, Pavel said to him, "The wages of sin is death." To this he replied, "No, no, we die because we were born." Please pray that even this brief conversation might lead to a deeper reflection on the gospel.
- Last but not least we ask for patience and wisdom for the days ahead of us, guidance, and travel mercies for two scheduled conferences next year, one in Poland.

Thank you for your prayers, friendship, and support of the ministry in a country of spiritual darkness with a small percentage of Bible-believing Christians. In the midst of Advent reflections, we would like to mention the legacy of Master Jan Hus (1369–1415), a significant Czech reformer and preacher who was burned at the stake for God's Truth.

A CHRISTIAN is someone who derives his identity from CHRIST. A Christian does not merely behave "Christianly," but biblically. A Christian does not follow Christianity, but Christ. A Christian is not politically correct, but biblically correct. A Christian does not side with the majority, but with the truth. Christianity is not a religion or a worldview. Christianity is a relationship with the living God, Jesus Christ.

We wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**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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