

THE STEIGER'S E-PRAYER & PRAISE REPORT APRIL 2007

Dear Friends,

With love and appreciation we send you another special bi-monthly
E-mail Prayer & Praise Report (E-PPR) about Czech and Slovak ministry:
WE ASKED—YOU PRAYED—HE ANSWERED:

***Moses said, 'THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME
FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED
to everything He says to you.
(Acts 3:22)***

Dear Friends and Partners of the HCJB World Radio Ministry
to Czech and Slovak People,

Bible translation:

Once again we met with someone from the Bible translation team. Some of you already asked how was audio Bible received, etc. The audio set was released just before Christmas and over 6500 sets were sold. Since the CD's are so reasonably priced, people bought them as Christmas gift and for their own use. In the first week over 1,000 people downloaded the MP3 version from the internet. The public comments revealed that many people feel that they are biblically illiterate and decided that they should learn something about it. Many people commented that this was first the time they opened the Bible and understood. Over 60,000 prints of the new NT translation were bought already. Actually, the translating team received a call from the printer who asked them to take Bibles away from their storage, since employees are getting into it. While loading books, one of the employees, said, "I started to read it last weekend and I finished this weekend." There are many testimonies like that.

The Czech Republic national theatre introduced a new opera – Sampson a Delilah. All who attend receive a chapter of the new Bible translation with a reference of how to get the full newly translated Bible. As far as the rest of the translation goes, at this time about 90% of the OT is done. The next step is final editing and proofreading. By the end of 2008 the whole Bible should be printed in one book. More and more we see how important project this is. The greatest fact is that many secular people in the media are open to bringing the Gospel to all. There is a realization that the Czech people are among the least-reached people and have many deformed ideas about God and Christianity.

Jesus, Stumbling Block:

"Jesus, Stumbling Block" was the title of the public lecture Pavel held at the University of Natural Sciences in Brno. Over a hundred people came to listen. Klara was quite concerned since the talk was not intended to please listeners. You could hear a pin-drop. Many students surrounded Pavel and they talked and talked. Slowly we were pushed out of the auditorium and out of building, ending up in a pub with 8 people remaining. We overnighted at Trans World Radio where the next day we had wonderful fellowship and one recording session. We spent two exhausting days in Brno. Pavel's next live broadcast in Brno is scheduled May 5th.

We are excited about the broadcasting and internet outreach. We are getting numerous thank you letters from new people. Yes, they are there and they are ready to hear. Slovak broadcasting is doing well also. It is probably only our feeling, but grassroots Christianity is growing in spite of all ecumenical attempts to equate Christianity with all other monotheistic religions. Jesus is the stumbling block for sinners, humanists, religious leaders and all religions.

Spring in Prague:

Coming out of the winter is the best time of the year. Since we had mild winter and beautiful spring, Klara has started her yard work. It is a great time for her to relax after long hours of writing, editing, correcting. March and April were really busy. Numerous cultural events are happening and Klara was an especially busy bee. She attended several different lectures and meetings. Together we attended different theaters, operas, concerts, musicals, a performance of 230 Japanese dancers, ... met friends we had not seen for long time, held several dinners at home, visited a friend in hospital and hosted several visitors. And of course Easter – this time we spent the holiday together with Pavel's brother and his wife in Bavaria – what a beauty. Flowers and sunshine were as refreshing and joyful as resurrection. Our last spring event (in this letter) will be a wedding in Scotland where we will have a mini reunion with our friends and supporters from Indonesia.

With love and appreciation.

Klara and Pavel Steiger

Your HCJB Global missionaries in Czech and Slovak Republic

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