

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

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:

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant doesn't know what his lord does. But I have called you friends, for everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. (John 15:15)

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

Up in the air or on the go:

That's how we would describe month of June. Gabi and Klara bumped into each other at the Prague's airport at the newspaper stand just before we went to our gates going to opposite terminals. We realized that at one time, our key ministry people were in the air. Gabi was returning to Vales, we were flying to Bradford, and Vladimir was flying from Dublin to Prague. On our return, we arrived in Prague about four hours ahead of President Bush. From Prague he was to continue to G-8 meetings in Germany. I am sure that you all saw this event at least on CNN news. Of course we know a little more than was reported, like that at presidential dinner was served roasted duck with red cabbage and dumplings. Not only an endless flow of tourist but also presidents of different countries paid us the visit. About two weeks ago Brno was hosting European summit of 15 presidents.

Speaking of being in the air, HCJB Global Euro-Asia and North Africa (EA/NA) Region Conference was held at Bawtry Hall, in the United Kingdom, which is an interesting piece of living history. The place was built as family country home, more like a castle, in 1780. The Hall became Bomber command for the Royal Air Force as their Operations Room from 1941 until as recently as the Falklands War. Now it is a Christian Conference center. Part of the conference program was an afternoon bus trip to York. This is an absolutely awesome place. York, as were told, was the predecessor to the name of New York. We did all this for our special fun activity!

At the HCJB Global EA/NA Region Conference we presented our most recent ministry update. We continue to serve in two countries, working with three languages (translating from English to Czech and Slovak), broadcasting in two countries, at three radio outputs. We continue publishing the magazine "Battle for the Soul", preparing radio programs, operating web pages, teaching, preaching, lecturing, networking with other missionaries and mission organizations. Our beloved staff is scattered in five different countries. Our web master, Vladimir, is in Scotland, working on his double doctorate, Gabi is in Vales, preparing the sounds for broadcasting. Radek is our newest addition. He lives in Denmark and is writing for our magazine. His hobby is theology and we praise the Lord for his input. A team of young men (all with one year of Theology study in England) lives in Northern Bohemia. They are fluent in English and solid in their ministry – as

we all see it, we have our natural successors in the future. Our Slovak team is also doing a great job. We are praising the Lord for smooth operation and numerous blessings we enjoy while serving both countries. We continue to nurture our relationship with our non believing friends. Big thanks belong to EVERY ONE OF YOU as you stand with us to proclaim His message to all who will listen.

A manuscript about church growth in the Czech language is almost done. This wonderful tool was written by Jerry Marek from Canada and we are privileged to have part in providing language editing. We see this as a special tribute to the forefathers who left this land after 1630 because of religious persecution. They preserved the Czech language for generations of those born in exile wherever they lived with hope that one day they will return home. The time from 1630 to the year 2000+ covers lots of years of faithfulness. Their hearts are beating for the land of their forefathers and lost people here. Please pray that this manual can be published and used by many.

Bible translation:

There is more exciting news about this project. The new translation is being received very well not only in Christian circles but in general. Over 133,000 CD's (7000 sets) were sold during 5 months. Thousands of downloads from the internet increase the penetration of the Gospel in the Czech Republic – 21% people admitted that they never read the Bible or that they know nothing about its content. They are passing it on to their friends. Local media pay attention and numerous articles as well as information are published. Five thousand prints of the NT are going to be distributed free of charge. The next exciting project is the Musical CD based on Psalms. The singer is an excellent communicator and it will be available as one package – the text of Psalms in format size as well as the music CD. The additional cost of producing NT audio MP3 is about \$1. This is the price it will be available for.

Bradford and gardening passion

While we were in Bradford, we visited HCJB Global UK. The building they were renting for over 20 years was put up for sale. This came as a shock and after many pleas and prayers it looks like they will be able to purchase the building. They have a way to go yet, but a spirit of unity makes them strong and confident that Lord will help them to reach the goal. It is important for ministry to have place of operation.

England is known for beautiful gardens and colorful displays. This was a big temptation for Klara. While we were in Bawtry Hall, she spotted some unusual plants. After some hesitation she asked for a little part of the plant to start. She got most gracious permission to get what she liked. This was the beginning. At Bradford she got more plants. The carry on bag was an odd shape, but she brought home a nice collection. First thing after arrival she was planting it all. This is nice way to remember friends and places.

Family update

Our married son and the family decided that they should adopt a 4th child. They started the procedure in January of this year and applied for a little girl from Ethiopia who is about a year old. This news took us by surprise and introduced us to a different level of spiritual experience. What a great illustration about our adoption into His family. At this time, there is a child; not knowing anything about what is going on for her behalf – to get new parents, new identity, being taken to the new country, where she will live with two brothers and one sister, etc. Not one of us,

nor her, have any merit of being taken out of the world and adopted into His kingdom. The same is true about our spiritual adoption. It is all arranged from above and, realizing that, we became joyful expectant grandparents.

With love and appreciation,
Klara and Pavel Steiger
Your HCJB Global missionaries in Czech and Slovak Republic

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