

## **THE STEIGER'S E-PRAYER & PRAISE REPORT OCTOBER 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:

***Do all things without grumbling or disputing;  
so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of  
God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,  
among whom you appear as lights in the world.  
(Philippians 2:14-15)***

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

### **Colorful days**

Not only is mother-nature displaying its beauty, our ministry travel days are also blazing with colors. We trust our Lord that our annual meeting with some board members of HCJB World Office in Usti, Czech Republic has been leading into a gradual hand over of some duties, namely the future magazine publishing. It was a loving, sharing and inspiring meeting. It's rewarding to see young people becoming mature, responsible and hard working servants.

The following week Pavel preached in Liberec – Reichenberg (German name for this town in Czech Republic.) It has a nice and rich architecture. After WWII Germans were expelled and during the communist era the town became a gray and deteriorating border outpost. Now it is becoming once again a vibrant and beautiful place to live and an opportunity to minister. We met our good friends, Zdenek and Nicole, about 15 years ago in Germany. Zdenek is Czech, and Nicole is English. Their four boys fluently speak Czech, English and German. They have lived and ministered in Liberec for about 10 years. They shepherd a small flock of people of all ages. The family opened their home to a basically homeless and very troubled young girl. The transformation in her life has been amazing. We also met her younger sister trapped in the middle of a raging spiritual battle. Her former boyfriend (who has a strong influence on her and controls her) is a Satanist. She lives on the street, eats one soup meal daily, and is not able to hold a job. On the other hand her face is beautiful and vibrant as can be; she is clean and well dressed. We had a long talk and our hearts wept. Only the Lord can pull her out. There are many young people like that. The situation among those who live without our Lord is no better no matter what age they are. Living without Christian influence writes deep wrinkles in the face and soul. No wonder people are sometimes so rude to each other.

### **Slovakia Praise**

In our previous prayer letter we shared the radio and broadcasting license situation in Slovakia. The last sentence in our report said that we would move on only when the Lord opens the door. Once again he did. One of our supporting churches pledged a special gift of \$10,000 for Slovakia. We met with involved partners in Bratislava, Slovakia on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We clarified our ideas about HCJB Global Voice's assistance to Radio 7. We all feel encouraged. There are so many loose ends, but He is the tapestry weaver.

### **Special Fall Activities**

We attended Media in Europe conference in Vienna presented by "Citizen's Institute." We had another opportunity to meet with younger generation. The third meeting will be held in Zurich, Switzerland. European directors of HCJB World Offices get together regularly in the Spring and Fall. Recently we had many changes in HCJB Global headquarters. Also some visitors are heading our way.

### **Medical Ministry**

Recently we met a very interesting person. She is Czech and lives part-time in Prague as a recently retired medical doctor. She is looking for short term humanitarian or medical ministry opportunity. She practiced medicine in Switzerland and Germany. She is fluent in Czech, German, English and Spanish. One of her daughters lives in Istanbul, Turkey, the other in Cape Town, South Africa. We introduced her to the HCJB Global opportunities and we pray that she can become part of a short term team, since she needs to be spiritually ministered to. We also pray that all of us who come in contact with her at HCJB Global will minister to her spiritual needs. It seems to us that no one ever explained the salvation message to her without all the external do's and don'ts. Her German Bible is full of notes and colorful underlines. She is familiar with other religious teaching and Islam as well. Just a note: When Klara was seeing this lady out, they got pelted with incredible obscenities and verbal abuse from a young female just because they stopped under her window and continued talking...

### **Council of Europe: Creationism Tied to Extremism October 11, 2007**

Some politicians in Strasbourg are very concerned that an evil "American phenomenon" is infiltrating the minds of Europeans: Creationism. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe passed this resolution last week. Some quotes from the resolution, which passed by a 48 – 25 margin.

### **The dangers of creationism in education**

#### *Summary*

Creationism in any of its forms, such as "intelligent design", is not based on facts, does not use any scientific reasoning and its contents are definitely inappropriate for science classes. However, some people call for creationist theories to be taught in European schools alongside or even in place of the theory of evolution. From a scientific view

point, there is absolutely no doubt that evolution is a central theory for our understanding of life on Earth. The Assembly calls on education authorities in member states to promote scientific knowledge and the teaching of evolution and to oppose firmly any attempts at teaching creationism as a scientific discipline.

#### **A. Draft resolution**

1. For some people the Creation, as a matter of religious belief, gives a meaning to life. Nevertheless, the Parliamentary Assembly is worried about the possible ill-effects of the spread of creationist ideas within our education systems and about the consequences for our democracies. If we are not careful, creationism could become a threat to human rights which are a key concern of the Council of Europe.
2. Creationism, born of the denial of the evolution of species through natural selection, was for a long time an almost exclusively American phenomenon. Today creationist ideas are tending to find their way into Europe and their spread is affecting quite a few Council of Europe member states.
3. The prime target of present-day creationists, most of whom are Christian or Muslim, is education. Creationists are bent on ensuring that their ideas are included in the school science syllabus. Creationism cannot, however, lay claim to being a scientific discipline.
5. We are witnessing a growth of modes of thought which, the better to impose religious dogma, are attacking the very core of the knowledge that we have patiently built up on nature, evolution, our origins and our place in the universe.
6. There is a real risk of a serious confusion being introduced into our children's minds between what has to do with convictions, beliefs, ideals of all sorts and what has to do with science, and of the advent of an "all things are equal" attitude, which may seem appealing and tolerant but is actually disastrous.
10. Evolution is not simply a matter of the evolution of humans and of populations. Denying it could have serious consequences for the development of our societies. Advances in medical research with the aim of effectively combating infectious diseases such as AIDS are impossible if every principle of evolution is denied. One cannot be fully aware of the risks involved in the significant decline in biodiversity and climate change if the mechanisms of evolution are not understood.
17. Investigation of the creationists' growing influence shows that the arguments between creationism and evolution go well beyond intellectual debate. If we are not careful, the values that are the very essence of the Council of Europe will be under direct threat from creationist fundamentalists. It is part of the role of the Council's parliamentarians to react before it is too late.

18. The Parliamentary Assembly therefore urges the member states, and especially their education authorities: (4) to firmly oppose the teaching of creationism as a scientific discipline on an equal footing with the theory of evolution and in general resist presentation of creationist ideas in any discipline other than religion; (5) to promote the teaching of evolution as a fundamental scientific theory in the school curriculum.

19. The Assembly welcomes the fact that 27 Academies of Science of Council of Europe member states signed, in June 2006, a declaration on the teaching of evolution and calls on academies of science that have not yet done so to sign the declaration.

*17 September 2007*

*Committee on Culture, Science and Education*

*Mrs Anne BRASSEUR, Luxembourg, ALDE*

### **Klara's MRI**

Klara will fly to Boston on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for consultation. At the present time she is going between neurological and neurosurgery options. Our prayer is that this artery's malformation can and will be properly treated.

### **Family Update**

No adoption news from Ethiopia, only that the preparatory vaccination series for the parents-to-be before they travel to pick up the girl was done.

Best wishes for Thanksgiving days

With love and appreciation,

Klara and Pavel Steiger

Your HCJB Global Voice missionaries in Czech and Slovak Republic

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