

**THE STEIGER'S
E—PRAYER & PRAISE REPORT
June 2008**

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:

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? (Romans 10:14)

**Dear Friends and Partners of the HCJB Global ministry
to People in Czech and Slovak Republics**

REJOICE WITH US

Slovakia Report

☒ Dear Steiger's,

So many things are happening, so I will be brief and tell what is related to our broadcasting project. Based on frequency clearance, Lubo Vyhnanek (Radio 7, TWR Slovakia) applied for a broadcasting license on May 26. Unless there are unpredictable complications we should have a license within the next several days. When the license is granted we have to start broadcasting within one year. Local media are already interested in our project.

In the mean time we are preparing the technical realization of broadcasting. We are getting tenders on construction of the broadcasting tower, preparing the rental agreement with the building owner where the broadcasting tower will be placed, plus all the communication and negotiation between HCJB SK and TRANS WORLD RADIO SK. As a result of better broadcasting power, the cost will be higher than we were calculating. I am willing to use our family savings and I hope that several local sponsors will help. The following week we have a meeting in Banska Bystrica with Lubo V. and local pastors. We pray they will catch the vision and become an active part of this project. We would like to broadcast local programs. However we do not have a production studio available.

In His love,

Milan Hudec

Licensing hearing was held June 16th, and we received following message:

☒ *Dear friends and supporters,
With great joy we would like to inform you that the Council for Broadcasting and Retransmission granted us VKV frekvency 107,7 MHz for Banska Bystrica.
Thank you for your prayer support and faithfulness,
In the name of all colleagues,*

Lubomir Vyhnanek and Milan Hudec

Our 20 years of cooperation with Trans World Radio (TWR), now nationally operating in CZ and SK as Radio 7, is crowned into a new era in broadcasting. Radio 7 – FM 107.7 is the first Evangelical FM license in Czech or Slovak territory. Until now we were buying broadcasting time from the Catholic Radio Lumen. The city of Banska Bystrica will now have two Christian FM stations. The Radio 7 will provide interdenominational service. The Banska Bystrica FM repeater will extend the satellite and internet audience of Radio 7. Currently, the Radio 7 is operated by both, studios in Brno, CZ and Bratislava, SK. Together they bring 12 hours of Slovak and 12 hours of Czech broadcasting, alternating each six hours. We are excited about the fact that broadcasting in Slovakia will be done in Slovak and Czech languages – the same as the present Radio 7.

Beginning transmissions set by the license conditions is to start within one year. Our target date is January 1, 2009.

We fully support HCJB Global's approach to help local Christians create indigenous ministry. What a joy and privilege to be part of this process. Please pray with us that this goal will be accomplished without major setbacks for whatsoever reason.

A recent shock to all of us was the loss of Lubo Vyhnanek's, son. Lubo is the head of TWR Slovakia. His son was a 30-year old lawyer. He got killed in a car accident. He lost control of his car on a wet road surface when driving home from training. We all live under His grace and protection. Life is precious and fragile! From the beginning to the end we are in the middle of His plan.

European Conference and International Council Meetings Report

Where to start? We are glad to be home again. Conferences (especially two linked together) are on one hand a great opportunity to reattach to the mission vision and goals. While on the other hand, we always feel emptied of the last drop of energy in us. Usually the chairs are ready to be occupied at 7:30 in the morning, ending at night with our heads like balloons and flat bottoms! With three meals and two coffee breaks with no sweats (physical activity) in between, it is exhausting and takes some endurance. The end result is like being on the cruise – weight gain of a pound a day.

On the positive side, it is only at conferences like this where we can get recharged, inspired, and excited what our Lord is doing around the world. It is always great to spend time with like-minded people we love and have served together with for 18 years now.

Strikes and raising fuel cost in Europe

Fuel is almost \$10 a gallon. The steady decline of the dollar value (now less than 15 CZK, used to be above 41 CZK) has far reaching consequences. While in Spain, we witnessed the beginning of transportation strikes in ports, on the roads and gas stations. Milk, fruit and veggies are left to spoil. In no time we saw empty shelves in grocery stores and a limited supply of fresh produce reminding us of times of scarcity during the communist era. This is just the beginning of tourist season which will be affected by all of this. Exports and imports are slowing. The economy is shaking.

The Spanish coast is picturesque, however it is overbuilt. One of the articles in local paper was titled: "Where plastic and concrete meet the sea." In addition, industrial waste and raw sewage is flowing into the sea without prior treatment. The European Union is targeting tourist resorts areas. Very few places got a green flag for water cleanliness. We stopped at the beach in one of the places with two green flags and saw so many dead fish and brown spots that we did not even enjoy our walk.

Czech Report

Changes are transforming times. In other words, busy days are here again. Most of the time when new development comes; a lot of other things require immediate attention. At times like that some unexpected events, like state control of bookkeeping in our office – if we are correctly paying social and health insurance fees and other local rules and regulations – add to our business. We passed again with flying colors.

Slovak development means some existing structures get unglued; others need to be created or fused together. We will have to do several personal visits and meetings to clarify transformation and mutual understanding and cooperation.

We are fully aware radio is just one avenue to reach people with the Good News about salvation. This is the reason we strive to provide solid Bible teaching in our magazine and in person. People need to think what they hear and read. The rest can be done only by the Holy Spirit.

Family news

Little Jordan is now an American citizen and has her new passport. The kid is not yet one year old, traveled half of the world, has two birth certificates, two citizenships, two passports and most important, a loving family. Not bad, considering the circumstances she was born into. The Lord takes care of his orphans (she has a mother, but she gave her up for adoption). We are amazed how many new horizons opened for Filip and Lenka. New friendships based on Ethiopian adoptions are really special. If you would like to see the beautiful pictures Lenka takes, visit: <http://thesteigerclan.blogspot.com/>

Prayer request

- Please pray for wisdom, patience, protection and ability to be the best servant and example of His faithfulness in our testimony and integrity.
- Please pray for each individual involved in the project, for all changes, negotiation, for His peace, joy and mutual trust.

Our eyes are focused on the Lord and His guidance.

*With love and appreciation,
Klara and Pavel Steiger*

Your HCJB Global Voice missionaries in Czech and Slovak Republic

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