

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

***And, "YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE
EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS; THEY WILL
PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD LIKE
A GARMENT, AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP; LIKE
A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED. BUT YOU ARE THE SAME, AND
YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END." (Hebrews 1:10 /12)***

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

Summer is almost over and we are already full speed into the second half of the year. Our days were busy and eventful – full of local trips, hospitality, visitors and us visiting friends and of course numerous ministry activities. We spent a week in Krkonose (mountain area) where we were invited by a church from Brno. Several couples from Prague also joined us. Pavel was teaching every morning and evening. It was a joy to meet and interact with people we knew as readers of our magazine. Together we enjoyed easy hikes and a side trip to Poland was lovely.

We also enjoyed a week in Bavaria. This was another family gathering and yes, once again the Lord prepared opportunity to praise and thank Him. In June we were invited by Pavel's niece to attend her children's baptism. Less than a month later her three-year old daughter almost drowned in Croatia. It was a miracle that her mother saved her, that a doctor was a few steps from the scene of the accident and resuscitated her. A special children's hospital was near by and she survived with no brain damage. This again reminded us how fragile life is.

We spent one Sunday afternoon with a playful group of tourists from Colorado Springs. We had lots of fun together. One of them brought back our keys from the apartment that Dworak's accidentally packed and moved to Colorado Springs.

August anniversaries

We have three dates to remember in August. We met on August 12th 1964, on August 21st 1968 the Russian occupational forces entered Czechoslovakia, and on August 11th 1969 we left Czechoslovakia and immigrated to the USA. Each of those dates changed our lives for ever. This year it was the 40th anniversary since occupation and Russian invasion. Visitors in Prague could see many displays of historical photos, slogans and some Russian tanks at different locations in the city. We attended an occupation conference in August and listened to the lectures presented in Czech, English, Russian, and Slovak languages. An American speaker disclosed how logistically and strategically unprepared the NATO and USA were at the time of the Soviet invasion to Czechoslovakia. This was a major cause for the US forces in Europe to be restructured. One of the eight Russian protesters at Red square in Moscow in 1968 gave everybody a warning from recent events in Georgia – this is not the last country under Russian siege – she named several other countries, like Ukraine and Moldova, Russia will not let go to determine their own future. With missile arsenals here and there she uncovered a kind of scary scenario. However, the grand script is in His hands.

Ministry moves ahead

Magazine “Battle for the Soul”

August 16th is another milestone in our ministry. We finalized steps in transferring the responsibility of our publishing ministry. As of January 1st, 2009 Jaroslav Kernal will be in full time ministry as pastor and editor in charge. We established editorial council, identified individual responsibilities in the whole process and ways of new cooperation. We praise the Lord that He provided a young team to carry the ministry. We pray that we will be able to provide partial financial support for Jaroslav – our agreement is to bring in about \$1,300 monthly. The new headquarters of our magazine will be in Usti near the German border. Please pray and help.

Radio7 FM 107.7 Banska Bystrica, Slovakia

All the legal requirements for registration were met and legal status was granted. HCJB GLOBAL SLOVAKIA is a reality. Milan is busy taking care of all the technical aspects and preparations for broadcasting. The present task is construction of a broadcasting tower.

Did Americans bomb Czechoslovakia? And other issues

“Yes, they did” – our grandsons were arguing during their home schooling studies. “Grandma told us!” Of course Klara was happy to find out that they remember what we talked about. At the end of the WWII British and American forces bombed Dresden, then nicknamed German Venice. One of the missions was hindered by bad weather and some bombs were dropped over Prague – one of them hit a church building. Later, the Americans paid to reconstruct the towers, so above the historical church are modern towers.

"Russians are at war with Georgia – what about Atlanta?" – it was a big concern of our 6-year old home-schooled. That question was clarified quickly. Unfortunately, the situation in the country of Georgia and the region known as Abkhazia will not get settled so quickly. The "temporary stay" of occupational forces in our country lasted over 20 years. As blackmail or punishment from the Russians because the Czech Republic signed an agreement with the US allowing radar placement on Czech territory, an oil pipeline to the Czech Republic was closed. Now with events in Georgia, another pipeline to Europe is tightening delivery of gas and oil.

Because we have mentioned Dresden and a church bombing we also must mention our day-trip to Meissen and Dresden, Saxony, Germany. Since the freeway was finished last year, it is only a 25-minute's trip from Usti, Czech Republic to Dresden, Germany! So, after our meeting with the new editorial council in Usti we drove to Meissen and Dresden. In Dresden we visited a church which was recently restored from rubble. Part of the church was rebuilt with its original stones. A large torso from cupola is displayed next to the church as a memorial. Not far from the main Dresden square stands an enormous, really huge mosque! Please check for yourself a view of former German Venice...: <http://www.travel-images.com/view.shtml?germany106.jpg>

Worth mentioning is the fact that in the Czech town of Teplice (close to German border and Dresden) lives a sizable Muslim community. Ladies in black garb are everywhere, families with children promenade in parks, young boys gather together, lower floor in houses is the family gathering place, ... actually it looks like flourishing Muslim community. Muslims in Teplice wanted to build a mosque right there, but it was not permitted since the big one is so close in Dresden, Germany. Crossing the border in the European Union is now only as "difficult" as crossing state-lines within the USA.

Current Slovakia Broadcasting

We finished 84 radio programs on Hebrews from Pastor Steve Cole. This will cover Sunday broadcasting till end of year 2008. The next series is on the book of James. At this time we do not have a translator – however Klara started to translate.

HCJB GLOBAL Hand-in-Hand with TWR

☒ *The Slovak national partner of HCJB Global plays a vital role in the success of the idea to establish the first Evangelical FM broadcasting in Slovakia. In cooperation with Trans World Radio (TWR) Slovakia, a broadcast license has been granted this summer for the city of Banska Bystrica. Thanks to the vital help of HCJB Global, the Czech World Office and countless unnamed givers, the needed finances for purchasing of broadcasting equipments was procured.*

The idea of FM broadcasting had risen when the Department of Evangelical Theology and Mission at Pedagogical University of Mathias Bell was established in the city of Banska Bystrica in 1993. Many prayers and short-lasting disappointments were

experienced since. Several fruitless attempts were made to establish a broadcasting recording studio for the students of theology to train them in media communication skills. Almost 15 years later when no answer was in sight, the idea was almost abandoned. However, at His time God started acting His way. This is the way God is working in many situations. One has to give up one's plans and goals to allow God to work. In 2008 God opened the door for HCJB Global's Slovak partner to work out the frequency survey for the Banska Bystrica territory. A license for a 500 Watt transmitter was granted. It is estimated that it will reach about 150,000 potential listeners. Presently, the Slovakian partner of HCJB Global Slovakia and TWR Slovakia has been working out the technical aspects of the broadcasting. We are still in need of a broadcasting studio, but we believe God knows about our needs and he will provide in His time and His way.

Praise God for the opportunity for Evangelical Churches to start 24-hour-a-day FM broadcasting in Slovak and Czech languages. Praise God for the countless unnamed givers who have felt God's call to support Slovak and Czech broadcasting ministry. HCJB Global Slovakia wants to express deep thankfulness to the HCJB Global Ministry for financial, prayer and technical support to this project. God knows the names and He is faithful to reward.

Milan Hudec, HCJB GLOBAL Slovakia

Family news

As you can see, our grandkids started their home schooling and geography is among their favored subjects. Lenka's blog is as interesting as ever:

<http://thesteigerclan.blogspot.com/>

Prayer request

1. Smooth ministry work in Czech and Slovak activities.
2. Sufficient funds for ministry needs.
3. Harmony, protection and inspiration for all coworkers.

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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