



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:

But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, in your mouth and in your heart" -- that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. (Romans 10:8-11)

Dear Friends and Partners of the HCJB Global Ministry
To the Peoples in Czech and Slovak Republics

Because of you we can call the 2009 year a "Year of Blessings".

What a better way to come to the end of year and celebrate His precious gift of Salvation to us. You are part of our daily living and ministering.

Our day-to-day ministry might feel from time to time like "moving too fast and doing too much". As we shared with you all along we tried to balance the load and curb the number of dead lines in the ministry in order to have more time to write, pay attention to individuals and expand networking. We all know what happens when we plan and the Lord changes our intentions. He masterfully puts ideas, opportunities and people together.

This year we transferred our editorial and administrative tasks concerning our magazine publishing activity to a younger team named "The Pilgrim's Reading" headed by Jaroslav Kernal. The team is great and very blessed. We are still much involved on the creative and translating side of the publishing ministry. Our team has translated and published three books this year: "The Excellent Wife" by Martha Peace; "Reason to Believe" by R.C. Sproul; and "The Tablets of Stone" by John G. Reisinger. The first publication in 2010 is going to be "Spurgeon's Sermons."

Radio broadcasting: Slovakia remains our heart matter from day one when we first met Christians from former Czechoslovakia. Because of the Iron curtain we had first contact in Hungary during the Billy Graham and Joni Earickson crusade in 1988. Twenty years of close cooperation were rewarded in February 2009 when Milan Hudec invited us for the FM station inauguration in Banská Bystrica. At the present Milan is pursuing the next FM license in Liptovský Mikuláš, Slovakia. We are amazed how the Lord encourages those who are willing to be involved. Milan is a model of a true servant and his financial sacrifice and involvement is beyond pure enthusiasm.

Our partnership and cooperation with Trans World Radio (TWR) gets more and more involved. Klara was recently asked by TWR to put together memoirs about those missionaries who ministered from Monte Carlo by broadcasting behind the Iron Curtain to Czechoslovakia. Since we are the longest serving "free lance" coworkers of TWR still actively involved, we remember those who preceded us to glory or presently serve in other ministries. Most of the current Czech TWR personnel have not personally met any or few of the previous founders and voices. Speaking of broadcasting, Pavel was recently cornered to start his regular program recording again. He was told: "as long as you live, listeners want to hear your voice." Can you resist? The first batch of five 20-minute brand new programs (30-minutes with music and jingles) is recorded. Pavel is preaching and speaking more frequently at different occasions. Both of us will be the masters of ceremony at our special Christmas service in our church on December 20th. The Lord is not allowing us to grow old.

Speaking of our age and young people, here is an update. Previously we had most contacts with young people around the age of our children. Now our children and the children of our friends are no longer children and we are getting involved with the next generation. We have numerous opportunities to touch their lives. Generationally we could be their grandparents. We are amazed that they enjoy our company. One mother of two recently told us, "You are my parents." However, sometimes it may mean that we are stuck with students in a pub full of cigarette smoke.

Speaking of students, Pavel was volunteered, against his will, to be on the Christian College Accreditation Committee. They meet once a week and prepare all documents, applications, curriculum, and millions of other written requirements. He prefers a million times more preparing sermons, radio programs or writing articles about our Lord and His Salvation. This job reminds him too much his employment with the oil corporation he used to work for. Simply, the wording must be thus, to gratify ears of officials at the Department of Education to issue the accreditation of the Christian College.

As you can see, we are busy as never before, full of ideas and zeal for the Lord. We have to add that we are carried by your prayers, encouragement and love you show to us. Your commitment is testimony of His faithfulness. We daily praise our Lord that we can serve together.

"Now, I am fully in His hands" are the words of our pastor Daniel who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. As he shared his heart with us last Sunday, remembering

how he was rescued from certain death by mountain patrol in the High Tatra Mountains. He admitted that since his rescue he has been aware that each day, month and year is granted as an extension of time by His mercy.

In our church each year we draw a personal specific verse for the coming year. Daniel's 2009 verse was this one:

Job 19:25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

The English meaning in numerous translations is not as direct as the one in Czech: "*he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth*" is translated in Czech as "*he will rise at the latter day above the dust*"—meaning the dust our body is formed from [aphar <06083>]. The same Hebrew word is used also in Gen. 2:7 and 3:19—we were created from it and will return to it. The Czech translation also fits better with the following context: "*And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God (Job 19:26).*" Surely our Lord will rise above the *dust* and we shall see Him! These Job's verses are often quoted at the announcement of deaths. Our pastor Daniel admitted that the meaning of the verse has been on his heart during the year and he asked himself if this will be his last year to live. When the doctors finally found what is wrong with him, Daniel was relieved and said: "Now I am fully in His hands and truly free." We all are united in prayers and it is amazing how uplifted we all are, to be reminded what is most important to know. Yes, we are fully in His hands. Our only desire is that His hands will touch everyone through His Word.

CZECHS AND THE BIBLE

Czechs have not read the Bible, but know what's in it

A poll conducted by the agency SANEP suggests that 79 percent of Czechs have never read the Bible. However the vast majority of them say they know what's in it, from their parents, films or other sources. Fifteen percent of respondents said they owned a prized family bible, 14 percent said they had received a copy as a gift and seven percent said they had bought one themselves. Forty-three percent of respondents said the Bible contained useful information even in the present-day.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

For another fruitful year

His protection and guidance for all of us, especially Milan, our front man in Slovakia

For broadcasting development and partnership

For travel mercies

For our families, children and grandchildren

There are just few days left till the end of the year. We are going to stay in Prague over Holidays with no special plans, visiting or having friends over. We will miss the kids and grandkids. Over the New Year we will have a special visitor – Sharon is a young lady from Simi Valley, Calif. that we have known for about 15 years and her family is always very hospitable to us and numerous other missionaries.

Wishing you God's blessings over Christmas and the New Year.

Thanks for your faithfulness, understanding and love.
In His precious name,

*Your HCJB Global Voice missionaries in Czech and Slovak Republic
Our eyes are focused on the Lord and His guidance.
With love and appreciation, Klara and Pavel Steiger*

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