



**THE STEIGER'S
E-PRAYER & PRAISE REPORT
August 2010**

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:

Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great. (Lukáš 6:47-49)

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

As we were watching heart breaking TV reports from China, Pakistan and India the magnitude of floods in Central Europe looks not even worth reporting. Last month tropical heat was lifting parts of the freeways where asphalt was meeting concrete. This month Germany, Poland, Czech Republic and Austria, hundreds of towns and mass land area were flooded. Those countries were hit similarly as in August 2002. During the first week in August it started to rain heavily once again. Klara's brother from Colorado was visiting and we drove to a little town on the German border where both were born. When we saw the pond we used to swim as kids overflowing the main road we knew that it would be serious flooding. Originally we planned to stay overnight in the area, but we decided providentially to return home to Prague. The following you have to see. This is just the neighboring town:

Click: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HICyU1WL-s>

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As we walked with umbrellas around the main plaza, Klara started to talk to a man with a bike that was waiting for the rain to stop. He said, *"This is a real flood; the end of the world is coming."* Klara asked if he is ready to meet the Lord. He said: *"I am seventy years old and I was an altar boy for years in time when baptisms, weddings and burials were performed by the church. That time is long gone. My service is done and it should be sufficient. Now I am only interested in beer drinking. I was all my working years employed as a truck driver, worked 300 hours per month and my pension is \$500. From time to time I get a job at road construction directing traffic. The mafia boss collects \$15 and I get \$2.50 per hour. But I am no dummy. I work eight hours and report twelve. Since I drive a company car I steal whatever I can get my hands on. Why not! Soccer players are paid in millions"* (and the one he named has eight expensive cars). At the end of our conversation he assured us that he is a Catholic and end of the world is coming. This is a realistic description of the attitude of workers that lived most of their lives under communism. The hearts of people living under the corrupt version of "socialist capitalism" did not change. Conclusion: without the Lord, man's heart cannot be changed.

Our stay in the Šumava Mountains (Bömerwald) with the churches from Brno and Prague was a wonderful time of fellowship. We enjoyed hikes in almost virgin forest at the Czech—German border. This forested mountainous area was out of reach to the general Czech population during communism. Now the area is open, green border can be crossed anyplace. One can see the old disappeared towns. We visited a place where part of the actual iron curtain was preserved as a monument, including where it used to be under electrical current with watch towers, remnants of an old stone house, tank barriers and obstacles, barbed wire, ... and the cross with Czech and German inscription *"And forgive us our debts"* that survived it all.





This year it was 65 years since end of WWII. Several of you mailed us the presentation parade of US Army historical vehicles in Pilsen. This was probably the last time anyone could see General Patton's veterans.

In our last Prayer report we mentioned that our son Vit took a mission trip to Uganda and Ethiopia in July to visit different orphanages and children homes. Of course we were all excited about this event. The Lord's assurance and His blessings are just amazing. Let us share with you few events which lifted our spirit so much.

Vit wrote: *For those who doubt God has this all figured out ahead of time, I received an email from a lady in the small group I attend asking if I've ever heard of Toys for God's Kids. Their mission is to provide handmade, sturdy, attractive, wooden toys free to God's children everywhere. In God's perfect timing he decided to have an article published this last weekend in the Denver Post. Sure enough this article ultimately made its way to me. I contacted the ministry and informed them about my upcoming trip to*

Uganda and Ethiopia. I arranged to meet at their workshop. I was able to learn a little about why they do this. They have made over 289,000 toys to give away. So in a matter of less than 12 hours I had 445 toy cars. ... Departure is less than 24 hours away and I am officially over the weight limit for my baggage. I received some incredible items today. Thank you so much to everyone at St. Joseph Hospital in Denver! Your extremely kind gift of all the medication and medical supplies will go a long way. Once again God's timing is perfect ... today I had my semi-annual dental cleaning. My dentist gave me a box of toothbrushes and some toothpaste. The personal donations of hygiene and school supplies is amazing. Also to those of you that gave directly to the orphanages monetarily...Thank you! I am trying to keep my personal items to a bare minimum.

Vit's blog is worth seeing and reading: <http://vittee.blogspot.com/>

We have few more weeks before everything returns to normal schedule. We are happy to hear that our Bible students are looking forward to resuming our Wednesdays. We start on September 1st at our apartment since the church classroom is under larger maintenance.

The passion play in Bavarian Oberammergau was a great event. It can be seen each 10th year ending with zero since 1634. It was skipped only in 1780 and 1940. Over 2000 local inhabitants of the town are performing for a packed auditorium of 4700 spectators. There are 110 performances during the season. The play has two parts, each 2.5 hours long with 3 hours intermission for dinner and the opportunity to explore the town known for wood carving art. The average age of spectators was at least 65. Nothing on the stage, screen or other presentation can replace what believers carry in their hearts. We are sorry to say that most of the people completely missed the reason why Jesus came and why He was crucified. Most of the conversation was about the artistic form of the play, beautiful music and voices. It is much commercialized.

Praises and Prayer Request

- Ø Zilina Creation conference in Slovakia is the last event for this month. We will meet with several coworkers from Slovakia and report later.
- Ø We were greatly encouraged by numerous Czech/American friends visiting during the summer. It is always a joy to see them.
- Ø Our pastor Daniel is expecting to have auto transplant next month. We all keep him in our prayers.
- Ø We praise the Lord that our Bible study group can hardly wait to resume.
- Ø Once again we Praise the Lord for all of you far and near.

Our love and greetings to all of you; thanks for standing with us. Your faithfulness, understanding and love are precious to us. In His precious name,

*Your HCJB Global Voice missionaries in Czech and Slovak Republic
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