



**THE STEIGER'S
E-PRAYER & PRAISE REPORT
December 2011**

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:

*Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But when he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins. Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, And they shall call his name Immanuel; which is, being interpreted, God with us. And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took unto him his wife; and knew her not till she had brought forth a son: and he called his name JESUS.
(Matthew 1:18-25)*

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

CHRISTMAS IN PRAGUE

Advent and Christmas spirit is here. It is a particularly magical time, especially when you find yourself in the historic downtown of Prague where the sound of traditional carols mixes with numerous traditions. The magic of Christmastime takes away the everyday stress. Prague's Christmas markets, especially in the Old Town Square are some of the best loved in Europe. Every year you can buy traditional Czech decorations and sample yuletide goodies. Many other things with a Christmas theme are available. Visits to numerous classic and sometimes exotic nativity scenes

are an interesting experience. Such nativity scenes have a long tradition and are placed all around the country. One of the best known Nativities in Prague is a Baroque creation which is displayed every year in a Church next to the Loretto Chapel in the Hradčany district. More unusual nativity scenes can be seen at the Charles Bridge Museum. One of the main features is a big aquarium containing live carp, which is meant to recreate the bottom of the Vltava (Moldau) river. Around the aquarium you'll see the scene of the Nativity featuring life-size lime wood figures. It is so interesting that all the Czech atheists would say: "We rejoice and hope that Santa Claus will never replace the beautiful Christmas tradition of Baby Jesus." They have even an anti-santa web site. Nativity scenes are everywhere. On the other hand, we have seen only one Santa in the streets of Prague with a bottle of Coke...

THE EXPRESIDENT OF CZECH REPUBLIC HAS DIED

A week before Christmas the former Czech President Václav Havel died at age 75. Thousands of Czechs have lined the streets of Prague to watch the coffin of the late dissident and President Václav Havel being taken to Prague castle. A full state funeral, the first in the history of the Czech Republic, is expected to be held on Friday, December the 23rd in Prague's St Vitus Cathedral. Bill and Hillary Clinton, Madeleine Albright, David Cameron, and other world dignitaries are expected to pay last tribute to Václav Havel. The Czech people held a spontaneous funeral procession on Wednesday December the 21st — click:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSJuDLsrmuA>

WHERE DID THE YEAR GO?

December is here, we are busy with year-end activities. As the Christmas season starts we enjoy secular radio broadcasting and its spiritual focus. Music and carols in Czech and English are touching hearts. Since Pavel is a music lover, it is our tradition that we attend several Christmas concerts. Usually we take some friends along. Our gifts are not tangible but focused on experience. Select a few views of the Prague Castle. Make sure that you click on the last icon to get full screen view.

<http://www.kudyznudy.cz/Foto-a-video/3D-Prohlidky/Praha---Prazsky-hrad.aspx>

We look forward to the New Year with hope that ahead of us is another great year in ministry to Czech and Slovak peoples. We marvel about His provisions for the team and your support of the ministry. Because of you all and your faithfulness, love and prayers the ministry is doing well in midst of crisis and uncertainty. Our prayer for continuity was answered in so many ways. We have many reasons to praise the Lord for His loving care, protection and encouragement for every day.

It looks as if our days are going faster and faster. Since we consolidated our office to our apartment it gets more and more cluttered. Books, magazines and papers are everywhere. In the past we moved every five years and it was an opportunity to make major reductions. We have lived at this place for 12 years and have run out of storage space for things we really do not need. There is no time to tidy up our or-

ganized chaos. Since we will be alone during Christmas, Klara is hesitant to pull out our Christmas decorations. Perhaps, this will be the time to make a New Year's resolution – big winter clean up and reduction.

PRAISES

Happy days for Klara: After years of frustration with my "older version computer" I am now enjoying a new super PC with two wide flat screens with high resolution and instant response to every need and command. What a joy!

We received the following question:

I remember reading in your e-mails a request about Pastor Daniel. He had been ill and recovered and was able to continue his preaching ministry. I don't remember you mentioning anything further about him. I hope he is doing well. Thanks for your attention. Richard Hyde

This is a big omission on our side. Daniel is doing so well. In his own words he feels much better than before his illness. He is back in full time ministry and the whole experience made him a better servant than ever. We have another man, named Bohuslav Thal, who is currently in our prayers. Several months ago doctors found a tumor on his kidney — it was very aggressive and a progressive kind of cancer. Through God's leading he had surgery almost immediately after diagnosis (at first it looked like he would have to wait for about two months before they would be able to schedule his surgery). We held a 24-hour prayer chain for him and our Lord intervened. They removed one kidney and he came out of surgery in good shape. Recently, he had an achy throat and doctors found more cancerous tissues in his tonsils and throat. It was a rather involved and complicated surgery with the expectation of a long recovery to restore functions of swallowing, etc. Once again, his recovery is progressing better than expected. In two weeks he is scheduled to have radiation.

Another young man in our sister church was diagnosed with leukemia. It looks like we have a need for full time intense prayers in our congregation.

Our hearts were saddened when we got word that the founder of Czech broadcasting, Georgina – born of Czech parents in Ecuador, now living in Austin, TX, has been diagnosed with Squamous cell carcinoma. She had surgery at MD Anderson hospital in Houston on Monday, Dec. 5, 2011. Spiritually, Georgina has always been a woman of faith in God. This trial has not diminished her faith. To the contrary, it is stronger than ever. Emotionally she is beginning to accept the changes in the physical appearance. There are changes, such as the swelling to the face that will go away in the short term, but there are also permanent changes with regards to her hairline that will be completely different since the skin grafting will never grow hair in those areas. Physically, her mobility has continued to increase in spite of the hurt and nuisance in her left leg from the grafting area. Her appetite is returning to normal, which is ideal to combat the nausea from the medicines.

Georgina and her family are very close to our heart. We appreciate any prayers on behalf of those friends we mentioned and we Praise the Lord for the great outcome in Daniel's life.

Thank you for reminding us that we should write more about answered prayers:

- How He cares for us and the Czech/Slovak ministries.
- For His protection and good health He blessed us with.
- For opening new opportunities through cooperation with our young and energetic team. Now even their teen children are helping.
- For all new unbelieving friends we added to our sphere of influence and prayers. They need to know our Lord to be saved.

Looking back and after all we can say: It was very good year.

PRAYER REQUEST

- We found a translator for John MacArthur's book "SLAVE: The hidden Truth about Your Identity in Christ." She is the wife of the translator we used to employ years ago who is now raising and homeschooling their two children. The next challenge is financing of translation and publishing.
- Georgina's recovery.
- For our January conference in Brno.
- For a work team to come to Brno to help refurbish stucco on the Trans World Radio building.
- For a broadcasting license in Czech land – all this requires endless patience and lots of prayers.
- For another broadcasting year ahead of us.

Happy New Year and blessings of our Lord for all of you.

Thank you for reading, listening, praying and helping to carry this task with us.

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