



**THE STEIGER'S  
E-PRAYER & PRAISE REPORT  
April 2012**

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:

***The rich ruleth over the poor; And the borrower is servant to the lender.  
(Proverbs 22:7)***  
***Owe no man anything, save to love one another:  
for he that loveth his neighbor hath fulfilled the law.  
(Romans 13:8)***

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

**IN HIS TIME**

The health condition of our pastor Daniel is a great example of the Lord's timing. Daniel's paraproteins (markers) showed some changes in January and within three months reached critical condition. In our last prayer letter we mentioned an experimental program of new treatment his doctor recommends. There are about 600 patients in this study and Daniel was chosen to be part of life-long treatment in a control group. Cost of this treatment is very high. Providentially it is covered by a European grant. If his condition would have changed a few days earlier or later, he would have missed being part of this study. Currently, he started new medications. He has a hard road to travel.

**VISITORS**

It was our pleasure to host Ken and Irene Edgar, who we met in Quito more than 20 years ago. Their visit was the inspiration to take a trip to a recently restored castle with very interesting history. It dates back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century. It is known as a castle of three "emperors." One of the owners was a "railroad king." He built railroads in Germany, Romania, France and Austria. In 1869 he bought three potential adjacent demesnes. He had great plans. He planned to mine coal and build iron-

works, steelworks and iron mills. In a short time the castle was refurbished and expanded. About 15,000 workers and artisans were employed. In 1875, in the midst of the greatest expansion, his endeavor was killed by his great indebtedness that led to bankruptcy. Man can have big plans but the Lord is always in charge. That's nothing new under the sun. What is interesting is that he was a German Jew who converted to Christianity.

During WWII the castle became headquarters of the SS. The Germans tested their first radar there. The next owner, during communist era, was the government of Czechoslovakia. It became the top secret place where the Russians housed their surveillance headquarters. During the Bush's presidency, the United States was interested in placing anti-missile radar nearby. However, with the new U.S. administration the plans were abandoned. The bedrock of the area is comprised of jasper rock that reflects radar waves about 2-3 times better than typical bedrocks.

After 1989 the castle ownership was transferred to the nearby town of Zbiroh. The town was not financially strong enough to refurbish and maintain the property. Since 2004 the castle has been under the private ownership of one person. Now the castle and the adjacent area is open to the public. It is a popular place for weddings, team leadership trainings and conferences. It functions as a hotel with 50 rooms.

The castle tour is focused on Masonic history. Quite a few Czech presidents, artists, influential people and well know personalities were members of the Lodge. One of the large reception rooms is a Masonic lodge meeting place. The tour guide jokingly said that before anything is agreed upon at the Hradcany Castle (seat of Czech President) everything is decided here.

Our next outing with a couple visiting us in May will be Terezin, the concentration camp.

## **TIDBITS**

On April 17<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Klara got 47 long stem roses and learned a few tricks to keep them alive. Three more years and we will celebrate our golden wedding anniversary...

Finally Klara has a computer with enough capacity, power and speed to work on our film and photo archive. When she is tired from translating for programs she takes a break by editing pictures and video. To see what time does to all of us is amazing. We have many pictures and clips from our home ministry trips. One of these days some of you may be surprised. We are working on a DVD featuring one of the youth groups in Prague for our supporting churches.

## **PRAISES**

- Georgina's treatment outcome: "It is with deep gratitude to the Lord I write to let you know that all the tests show that there is no more cancer anywhere in the previously affected areas".
- February 26<sup>th</sup> we had the first planning session for next January's conference in Brno. We are excited about new the ventures of our team.

## PRAYER REQUEST

- Georgina's recovery and our pastor Daniel's health treatments
- For a broadcasting license in Czech Republic
- For Milan and broadcasting in Slovakia

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

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