

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

For everything there is a season, and a time for very purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

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

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Summer Sunday's regular worship services are rather limited in our church. However, numerous activities outside of the church walls are under way. Each year our church is visited by several US, British or Irish teams involved in English summer camps. Quite often whole families are involved and exposed to the Gospel. It usually takes several years before we see a breakthrough. Any ministry here requires patience, endurance and long term involvement.

Each summer we join three or four groups and spend a few days with them. This way we reconnect with those whom we had close contact with many years ago. It is a most exciting time to see the visible changes in young generation—we talk about their maturity. In our case the change is obvious. We meet their mates as well as their new generation of toddlers. Stepping out of our circles always brings inspiration and overall happiness that makes it all worth it.

SUMMER FUN

Pavel must expose his lifelong "sin." He is a big swing and jazz music lover. One of our new neighbors is an excellent professional pianist, traveling around the world with classical music as well as playing in a small swing combo. We became good friends and through him we met other top professional musicians and singers who are well known throughout the country. They love Klara's deserts and from time to time we have them in our place. One of the singers (a Frank Sinatra clone) has a radio program called "Club Evergreen." Pavel has an extensive collection of swing and jazz music, and his CD collection from the U.S. is now part of his programs. Those guys know what and where it's happening. On August the 1st there was a big concert by the 86-year-young Tony Bennett in Berlin. Pavel and his musical friends drove to Berlin to attend. There was an excellent opportunity to witness and talk about God in the car. They could not run away from Pavel. There was of course some interest, but their mind or heart has been somewhere else. The German audience was outstanding. No wonder American musicians prefer to perform in Europe (as they have said in private). Swing music is quite popular here. We can see big names during the fall Swing festival in Prague. Unfortunately, in the last few years we were travelling. Pavel always says that the best way to learn clear English pronunciation is to listen to Frank Sinatra, and forget the script. One can't miss a word. End of confession.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- On August the 11th 1964 we met.
- On August the 21th 1968 Russians invaded Czechoslovakia.
- On August the 11th 1969 we left our homeland with our two little sons (1 and 2) to get away from Russian influence; ending in the U.S.A. Those days played a major role in the most important decisions of our life. Looking back we can see the Lord's hand in leading, protecting, preparing and changing us to His image.
- August the 11th 2002 was the day of a big flood. Prague and many other towns and villages were under water. As we walk around the town and see those water markers it is hard to believe what people lived through. We live on the hill above the city, so we just observed the calamity.

PRAISES

- For all of you, your prayers and faithfulness.
- For our coworkers and fellow ministry servants. Their spiritual growth, commitment and maturity are a blessing to many.
- For recipients of our ministry efforts.
- For local financial support of the Magazine.
- For opportunities to expand the ministry via internet.
- For the young generation showing potential.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

- Slovak Creation conference in Žilina the first week in September.
- An appreciation one day, one night retreat for the families of our closest ministry partners. What a blessing they are. One of the couples is expecting their 4th child.
- Pastoral search for our church.
- Our pastor Daniel. The experimental medication did not work. He was released from the international study. At this time, the doctors have started more aggressive treatment.
- Our January 2013 conference speakers and those who will attend.
- For Slovak broadcasting and those who are involved.

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