



**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:

*Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are
at home in the body we are absent from the Lord --for we walk by faith,
not by sight --we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent
from the body and to be at home with the Lord. Therefore we also have as
our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.*

2. Corinthians 5:6-9

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

HOME MINISTRY

As we mentioned in the last Prayer letter, this October is the month of our home ministry travel. This time we arrived in Boston via Toronto. Since it was Klara's birthday, we spent the first few days with our sons and grandchildren. This was just the second time in 22 years we were all together for Klara's birthday. Our son from Denver flew to Manchester, NH to join us all. We "celebrated" together all the family birthdays of the year. Our grandsons have birthdays in November and December and grandpa's heart got really soft. He asked the boys (11 and 12 almost) a big prize question: How many zeroes are in one trillion? They had an immediate and right answer; and grandpa paid them \$100 toward the iPod they were working hard and saving for. A few days later we talked to daddy Filip and he told us that we spoiled his sons. Normally they had been eagerly helping dad to make some more money, and now their goal is fulfilled. What an example of how people get demotivated by handouts, entitlements and other freebees. Here we have an example of young "socialists." We are sure that their parents will correct and gear their attitudes in right direction. It is safer to make a birthday cake.

From New Hampshire we flew to Fresno, CA and drove to Madera. We are grateful to Madera Grace Church for paying airfare for all its missionaries. This was the first time to gather us all together at the same time. We had a marvelous time to-

gether. We attended a meeting of church pastors with city officials and they really work together hand in hand to influence the community and reach out to many needy people there. Madera is the biggest agricultural producers of almonds, pistachios, nuts, etc. It is amazing what all is grown in California. We all were received by the church with great love and hospitality. All events were blessings to us as well as the church.

From Madera we drove to Santa Rosa, CA. We met with the mission chairman and friends of Santa Rosa Bible Church that support us faithfully.

The next stop was in San Leandro, CA. Then we drove to Simi Valley to fellowship with our supporters, and the pastor of the Lighthouse Bible Church. We also visited the Ronald Reagan Museum. We made a short stop in Los Angeles and Sunday morning we drove to Fallbrook for a brief report at the First Baptist Church of Fallbrook. It was quite funny; as we appeared we were greeted with the words "hammer and marshmallow" the words we used in our last prayer letter describing a Biblical counseling seminar we attended. We were encouraged and inspired by the Sunday message of the interim pastor.

Right after the Sunday message in Fallbrook and lunch we started the long drive toward Tucson. It was a merciful day because in the morning it was overcast and by late afternoon the sun was already at our backs. This was over a 500 mile drive. We arrived to Tucson by late evening. There we found out that it is not enough to have only the street address. This was a place with 600 units and it took us a while to get in touch with our host. The spiritual lecture is: To make it to the final destination it's not enough to know only John 3:16.

Monday morning we had a mission meeting with dear friends who were asking about our retirement. That was surprising news to us. However, the church mission policy is that when you start drawing a Social Security check their support is ended. This is a big loss (this year we have already lost \$1,300 per month). WE ARE NOT RETIRING, WE ARE NOT MOVING, we continue as before and support which comes in our name is used almost entirely for the ministry. Our personal support goes mostly for our health insurance and other mandatory expenses. Some 60-70 % of our support goes to Czech and Slovak ministry to pay for broadcasting time, publishing, partial salaries of 2 full time workers, translating from English into Czech, etc. We visited our next two supporting churches in Tucson; they understand that their support is used mostly for the ministry. Our "retirement party" was wonderful. We were able to thank in person each one of our dear friends who helped us to start in 1991. From Tucson we drove to Sierra Vista to meet our former broadcasting manager from Ecuador who is now in charge of Radio Spark there. It was a lovely reunion.

After a week in Tucson we drove to Phoenix to continue our home ministry tour. Every day for four weeks we had two or three stops, appointments, visits and contacts with supporters and friends. From Phoenix we made two side trips, one to Prescott and the other to Flagstaff where a major part of our ministry originates. Klara is translating the Sunday sermons of pastor Cole and transforms them into 20-minute radio programs. They are translated from the Czech language into Slovak

and broadcasted with different speakers in Czech Republic and Slovakia. Presently, we broadcast expository teaching from Romans in Slovakia; and from James in Czech Republic. In Phoenix we have three supporting churches and we touched base with all of them. At this time we drove well over 2700 miles.

We are grateful to all supporting churches for their faithfulness, love and prayers.

November 5, we should fly to NYC for our last stop and church visit. We hope that by that time NYC airports and public transportation will be operating again after storm Sandy. Praise the Lord that we were not scheduled to fly this week.

Without you the ministry and those who are involved would not be able to multiply blessings to those who can listen, read and grow in their faith. We do not know how many disciples were drawn by God through our ministry; but we have excellent indigenous Czech co-workers who are fired up for the ministry. Together, we are excited that the Lord is touching the hearts and lives of people who were hardened by their past atheistic upbringing. It is crucial to keep going. Post-communist countries are lured into socialist tenets. No socialist establishment has a positive attitude toward Christianity. The human memory is short, lessons are not learned. We need to be faithful to proclaim His gospel, justice and peace, and not to build heaven on earth without God.

We appreciate all your prayers and standing with us.

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