



DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS,

Spring is here. It is hard to believe, but we did not have any winter to speak of while the most of the U.S. was under severe cold. As we talk to our kids on the East Coast, they are expecting to have about 30 % higher bill for the heating season.

We are enjoying sunny days, budding green leaves and blossoms. As it is more beautiful every day, the spring cleaning comes to mind. One day we will have to start. Summer season for tourists has officially opened the last weekend in March. If you have only five minutes to dream, here is another link to enjoy beauty of Prague:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4pCJrYAYGYy>

Our spring and summer calendar is filling fast as we are looking forward to a number of events. We are still getting used to the new mission name. Since we do not have any other HCJB missionaries nearby, we use the new name very seldom. The main reminder about the name change comes through mission communication about Reach Beyond challenges and outreach opportunities. It is not easy to make such a big change and we hope that you all will get used to the new name as well. The old Ecuadorian radio station call letters name (HCJB) was hard to remember but no matter how mixed those letter got, everyone knew what mission legacy they related to. As we entered another era of ministry with much wider outreach than Ecuador, we understand that the time for a new name was under way. We pray that the new generation of missionaries will build as great legacy as our predecessors.

With a great concern we followed the recent Russian takeover of Ukrainian Crimea. This has brought back our memories of Russian occupation in 1968. Almost 200 thousand Czechs and Slovak fled and became refugees. We were one of them. The Russians and their Czech and Slovak henchmen ruled and devastated morally, spiritually and economically the country for the next 40 years. Czechoslovakia became the prison for one generation of people. Once again we can see how untrustworthy and dangerous present Russia is. It has never gotten rid of its colonial mindset.

The most exciting news is that our grandsons, 12 and 13, will come in May. They will fly alone from Boston via Munich to Prague. They will stay with us for the whole month of May. Both of them are homeschooled and this will be a field trip for them.

The European Reach Beyond Conference in Switzerland is scheduled for May 22nd and on, so the boys will have some interesting experiences and site seeing along the way. Some other missionary kids will attend, thus the young generation will have an opportunity to see what is going on in the mission. We are looking forward to reconnecting with the new name at the conference.

PRAYER NEEDS

We continue in our ministry tasks on a daily basis. Our board meets regularly and it is always great joy for all involved. We coordinate many things through Skype. We are enjoying our small Bible study group as we see the growth and zeal.

Our former pastor Daniel is undergoing another round of chemo. He already had two transplants of bone marrow. This is his third round of chemo.

Please pray for more interest in the Bible study. Our church has over 200 people, and only a handful attends, and half of those attending are from different churches. As we see a strong ecumenical push toward one church, we fear that some Christians here are not grounded in the Word and can be easily deceived. We are concerned since many compromises have been made by the denomination leadership.

We apologize for the short delay in sending this update. We had some computer problems and our "wise" IT man is hard to get.

***Thank you for standing with us, for your
love, prayers, support and concerns.***

***Reach Beyond missionaries
in Czech and Slovak Republic***

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