



## **DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS**

### **MAY 2015**

This is the last day of May and we have to hurry up to let you know how busy days are just behind us. Starting from the last event, the Reach Beyond (RB) Euro/Asia Region retreat, this time in Budapest, Hungary. Budapest is about 350 miles Southeast from Prague.

The retreat time is a once a year reality show to connect with our RB leadership in Colorado Springs as it relates to our Euro/Asia Region. This is the time for regional progress reports, personal updates and some training. This time it was focused on Growing Leaders, related regional reports and formal and informal gatherings with a special session for a time of prayer and mutual encouragement. We, Pavel and Klara had to cope with abbreviations. We are not using them and we are not accustomed to these— first was RB, HR (Human Resources), RT (Regional Team), etc. “RB” is not translatable to other languages. Actually, a name like that can invoke suspicious content. In our case we are registered under our Czech magazine name and part of our online ministries under the name “Reformation.”

As a body, the European team is a little bit overwhelmed by changing times all around the world as well as in the field. Some changes are related to personal needs of missionaries, family situation, and education for children, support, as well as changes that may affect missionaries in the various fields. It takes years to learn language, develop ways to reach people and all can be gone with the changing of directions or a different focus. NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations) and Non-Profit Organization are specifically targeted in many countries.

We praise the Lord that so far, as it pertains to our ministry, since it is mainly run by local Christians our presence is not influenced by what goes on elsewhere; we have freedom and basically unlimited opportunities to pursue media ministries.

The major part of May was a time to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> year of liberation and the end of the WWII. We learned many new and interesting things along the way. We should share one interesting observation regarding why US veterans were so warmly received in the celebration in Pilsen. The other parts of the country were “liberated” (better described as occupied) by the Red Army. The Nazi occupation was replaced by a communist one. During communism it was never mentioned that Pilsen was liberated by Americans. Only those who lived there told their children what happened during those last days of the War. No wonder that after the fall of communism Pilsen

started to celebrate in very special way. This last one was without political speeches and much to do with official governmental ceremonies. Our YouTube video outcome brought joy to many of you. If you missed it, here is the second chance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1lhSVqVmz0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GI-NDSg1oc0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtBL9sSsDVo>

During the month of May we hosted several visitors from the US and Canada. We spent lovely time with our coworkers who are serving in Malaysia. The month was filled with numerous events and overwhelming happenings. Some time ago we asked for prayers about church planting in Prague. The church in Usti agreed that they will release Jarda (read Yarda) from his main pastoral ministry to move to Prague:



To do that several other ends needed to be tied together. When our Lord moves, we gasp for the air. Jarda's wife works in archives and once in a long time there was an opening in Prague. We considered this as a first sign that we should move forward. She applied and before she was interviewed, a few very unusual and totally unexpected things happened. As we were coming home one of the friends in our apartment building invited us for cup of coffee. We talked about a number of things and in the casual conversation he mentioned that he was again at the zoning office and how difficult it is to get anything accomplished there. It all related to an office space in our apartment building. To make the story short, we walked out after one telephone call as buyers of about 2000 sq. ft. of great office space. This was in the

matter of about one hour. Not only that, but this deal included all the office furniture, fixtures, fully equipped kitchen with dishes, etc.; all that is required is to bring in some personal things, books and computers and work can start. The layout is perfect for an office, recording studio, bible study, training and mini conference events. Shortly after this happened we rejoiced that Jarda's wife got the job in Prague out of about 65 applicants. Their family will move to our former office, which we used for over 10 years before our workers moved to other countries. Since that time our guest room became Pavel's office. Every year our living space was getting smaller and the office spread out through the whole apartment. There is a chance that a part of the new space will be available for the office and part could be rented to finance church planting ministry. This is one scenario. We are entirely opened to listen and obey our Lord and what He has on His mind. We are overwhelmed by all this. Without leaving home, without looking or searching, without lifting a finger or doing anything, the Lord provided for the new challenges with an opportunity for furthering Czech ministry.

In the meantime our multifaceted ministry continues on all fronts, we endure to translate and write. Pavel started to write another book. Starting next week Klara's translated programs will be aired on TWR, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. New developments in Slovakia continue to be a matter for prayers. The newest addition to our outreach is a library of previously published theological treasures Jarda dug out from second hand book stores and idle church libraries. We can become a center for further research and inspiration. Recently we purchased some new software where any text can be transformed into book format and anyone can page in it as if they are paging in hard copy book. Of course this can be easily used in all tablets, etc. Now take a deep breath with us and please pray as He guides our steps to glorify His name.

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

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