



**JULY 2016**

## **THE STEIGER'S SUMMER REPORT**

### **NEVER SAY NEVER**

For over twenty five years we were getting the question each time we spoke to our friends, supporters and supporting churches: “Are you going to plant a church?” Each time we explained that planting a church is a full time commitment and since we are committed to media ministry, it is impossible to even think about something like that. And here we are:



Today



Six months ago

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFJ54kifFJk>

Not only that but after six months we had the first three baptisms:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUfWsS6AwrE>

This Church planting initiative comes from a totally locally grown idea. Our “never” is no longer “never.” Now, when someone asks what church we would recommend in Prague, we have the answer. This is not a prideful recommendation but answer to a long lasting need. For two of us it would be impossible. However, when the same idea is on the mind and in prayers of like-minded saints, things start to happen. One of those who joined our church said recently, “I was convinced that

starting a new church in this country is insanity. I am excited that I can be part of it and see what Lord can do among us.” Praise the Lord. His words are a great encouragement for us. We already met four times at the new place, at the Prague – Dejvice Railroad Station’s former presidential lounge, and each Sunday we have some new people visiting so our numbers are growing.

As we look back we can see step by step how the Lord was preparing His ministry in the Czech Republic and Slovakia for this event. Even though it may take decades it is exciting to see great potential and impact coming through new churches; churches free from the past, churches looking forward... loving His Word and serving joyfully. One of the couples who lived in Germany shared their excitement about this church with their Czech friends still living there. Their reaction was: “We envy you. We would like to have church like that, too.”

## ONE CRISIS IS OVERSHADOWED BY ANOTHER

Speaking of our neighbor Germany – since its Prime minister invited refugees without restrictions, 1.1 million people have come to that country in 2015. We just read that 52 (fifty-two) of them already work!? And, according to one radio report, some young Germans are now leaving and moving to Prague. Thus, an old politically incorrect Czech joke is coming true: *“Why the Muslim refugees do not go to Czech Republic? When their situation becomes unbearable the Germans have somewhere to escape.”*

Another story we just heard on the radio claims a refugee from Liberia told German authorities: “I heard back home that up north is a country that pays you for being alive.” Sinking boats with many refugees are still trying to get to the lands where one gets generous benefits for existing. Smugglers bring masses of refugees from war-torn lands. Recently, the EU Court decided that neither illegal nor undocumented refugees can be detained. It is his right to go wherever he wants to, and can only be deported if he agrees with the action.

Banking crises in Greece and especially Italy are overshadowed by Brexit, refugees and terrorism. The British referendum and its decision to leave the European Union is a result of Brussels’ bullying. EU members are drowning in endless bureaucracy. Recent events and killings in the US were overshadowed today by the terror attack in Nice, France. Next evening we got first reports about Turkish military coup. Press Statement from Secretary of State John Kerry “The United States views with great concern events unfolding in Turkey.” We read about these turbulent days in the book of Habakkuk but remain confident that the Lord is in control.

## ENGLISH CAMP

This time we had 140 people so the hotel in the mountains was full to capacity. We spent two nights at camp and enjoyed each moment of it. Teams came from Spokane, the Detroit area and from Long Beach, CA. They more or less all know each other and did a great job once again. Another year of cooperation between three local independent churches and three Evangelical churches from America gave us a great sense of unity.

## RADIO LOGOS SLOVAKIA

In our last prayer letter we shared with you a sad situation about broadcasting. After an official announcement was made listeners rose up and they wanted to continue. Milan was surprised by their reaction and willingness to get involved. They do not want to give up and it looks like a new board is getting together with new plans. Please pray that the Lord will raise up a team of dedicated servants. One of the regular listeners is living in Madagascar.

## ANSWERS TO PRAYERS

- *Starting a new church and continuing ongoing ministries are bearing fruit.*
- *As we read a letter from a long lasting supporter that she is not able to support our ministry any longer we got news that one of our supporting churches will increase our support. PTL.*

## PRAYER NEEDS

- *Please pray for all of us. To build a body of believers with many needs is tedious work. Pray that the Lord will move the hearts of the unbelievers at the camp.*
- *Pray for spiritual growth and an increase in numbers so that we will become a self-sustaining body of believers in the near future.*
- *Please pray for those who are preaching and teaching in the sending church and the church plant.*
- *For two more short retreats dealing with biblical counselling and theology.*
- *Our first church wedding we are invited to attend and for the opportunity to share the Gospel with those who need to hear.*

Thank you for your faithfulness, participation and prayers, our hearts are with you all

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