

# **SEPTEMBER 2016**

#### THE STEIGER'S SUMMER REPORT

#### FIRST AN UPDATE ON KLARA

Thank you all for your prayers and words of encouragement concerning Klara's shingles. She has been somewhat recovering from that ugly discomfort. On Friday, August the 5<sup>th</sup> she developed the first signs of strange pain and on Monday she had blisters on the right side of her torso; from spine to sternum. Now she is in the 7<sup>th</sup> week and still far from normal functioning. Healing of blisters was eventless. However, pain has accompanied her sleepless nights. She can see some progress, especially in lesser pain intensity; however, tortuous itching is the next stage of this misery.

## **REACH BEYOND CONFERENCE IN SPAIN**

We planned to attend the Reach Beyond Conference in Spain a long time ago. We bought our air tickets some three months ago and until the last moment Klara was not sure if she will be able to travel due to her shingles. She did and survived. The combined flights were three-hour long, plus a couple of hours for transfer in Geneva. She changed her pace and it helped her to come out of her low spirit stage. She lasted through one day of meetings and the rest of the time she was lingering at slow speed. What a joy it was to meet our **new president**, **Rev. Steve Harling**, and his wife. He is someone who does not come from the inner circles of our mission. We hope and pray that his qualities will move us, all in the field, forward. To our surprise we have some common links in Arizona churches.

## **KLARA'S CONFESSION**

I want to share with you what our Lord has been teaching me now. For 26 years we are working full speed and even now when we have great team and our ministry is doing well, I do not know how to rest. Our lives are exciting; we are active, involved, traveling, hosting, meeting people constantly. I have to confess, that I am

quite aware that our time is running every year faster and faster, and especially I am driven to do constantly more, to see and finish unfinished. Now, the Lord has taught me. It is His time; He is the One who sustains us in everything what we do and what we plan to do for Him. All our time, energy and desires are in His hands. Now I can say I am much more compassionate and sensitive to all people who are plagued with pain, age or health limitations; especially with those of our friends and people we know well, who endured cancer treatments, radiation and drugs with side effects. Perhaps, I felt unintentionally too important, hardworking and unstoppable. I confess that I was more like Martha, and less like Mary. Now I know through this agony where my place is. I have to say that Pavel was and is a great caregiver; the weaker I get the stronger and considerate he is. The Lord gives me enough strength to attend Church and Bible study; it's enough for now.

## **PRAISES**

• Before we had a chance to send out our special prayer request, the Lord took care of the matter. We sub-rent our Sunday meeting auditorium from an English speaking Church that rents it from the Czech Railroads. The place is a former presidential lounge at a Prague railroad station. Unexpectedly, the Czech Railroads dismissed the lease agreement as of October 31. Thus both Churches had to start looking for some other meeting place(s). Our Lord gave us a place at a small theater. Unless something else pops up we can meet for Sunday morning services at this place that is named "The Stone" and has 7 rows with 7 chairs each. The cost is very reasonable. We praise the Lord that we have an office space and place for our Bible study.



• Last Sunday we had two out of town visitors; a mother and daughter we know for many years. Vlasta is one of the original listeners of HCJB Radio broadcasting from Quito. After the service Vlasta said: "I took communion after 23 years, and my daughter took it for the very first time." It really touched our hearts. Vlasta and her daughter live in a town where there is only a liberal Evangelical Church, an Adventist Church, a Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses and a Catholic Church. The Evangelical church is very liberal, and she does not agree with its teaching. She listens to our sermons, reads our web pages, reads our magazine "Battle for Soul", attends our conferences, and longs for biblical fellowship.

### RADIO LOGOS SLOVAKIA

The idea to start broadcasting again is alive and we pray together with Milan that he will train new people. Its registration is under way, and after the New Year they may be on the air again. Please, continue to pray for His will.

#### **PRAYER NEEDS**

- Please pray for the new location for Sunday church, it will be farther for us and closer for those who are driving relatively long distances.
- Please pray for all of us. To build a body of believers with many needs; it is tedious work. We see how damaged are believers coming from liberal churches.
- Pray that the Lord will give us opportunities to reach the unreached.
- Pray for spiritual growth and increase in numbers so that we will become a selfsustaining body of believers in the near future.
- Please pray for those who are preaching and teaching in the sending church and sister churches praying for this church plant. Small and independent churches have to overcome many hurdles to exist.

Thank you for your faithfulness, participation and prayers. We need you more than ever. Our hearts and prayers are with you all

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