

## **NOVEMBER 2018**

# DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS OF THE REACH BEYOND MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLES IN CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAKIA

#### **OUR DELIGHT**

On November 8, 2018, we celebrated our 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of planting the Bible Church of Prague. We have already praised our Lord in an "unbelievable" 156 services. We are blessed in many ways. We enjoy a spirit of cooperation with the sending church in Ústí and praying church in Kladno. What a blessing. In the past, we were always involved in established churches or denominations. Church planting is our new experience and challenge. It feels that our steps forward are small but as we look back, the outreach is remarkable: conferences, magazine publishing, book publishing ministry, web ministry, bible teaching, bible studies, summer family camps and many other activities keep us busy.

## **OUR CONCERNS**

Theological liberalism is gradually creeping into existing denominations. Five Baptist congregations with whom we have close ties recently left The Baptist Union. They made an effort to convince the Union to stand on biblical principles, however, it failed.

Relativism of our days, lack of unity, mutual respect, understanding, common sense, all create fear, hostility and chaos in the world. The only answer for our days is His Word.

The European Union's constant pressure and regulations are changing the fiber of society to the extent that it undermines Christian values and biblical principles. The latest issue deals with the so-called "Istanbul Convention" on preventing and combating domestic violence and violence against women. It sounds nice and noble but there are valid concerns that this gender focused agenda is "ideologically biased" against traditional and biblical family values. Liberal churches embrace it while ones that are more conservative prefer sufficient state laws and protection. They issued a warning that 81 articles separated into 12 chapters establishes obligation to collect data that present danger of far reaching consequences.

UN Global Compact on Migration interferes with national sovereignty and practically criminalizes defending national borders.

### **PRAISES**

- Dear Pavel
  - By coincidence, we found at <a href="www.reformace.cz">www.reformace.cz</a> a video presentation from the conference Blessings of the New Covenant. I am listening with my wife and both are sad that we did not know about it. ... We want to be sure that next time while Geoff Volker stops by and will conduct another teaching conference that we will have opportunity to be with you all. With great fondness, I remember first meeting in your office years back. That was the critical time in my life since I did not know what future, if any, my serious health issue brings to our family and me. His interpretation of Hebrews touched deeply my soul and influenced my understanding of spiritual truth forever. I am grateful for his ministry even now at least from the internet. Thank you, Štěpán
- If you would like to hear the conference in English use <a href="www.reformace.cz">www.reformace.cz</a> click on Video. You can see Pavel and Jan translating into Czech and peak who came to hear.
- Praise the Lord: By the end of this year, we are adding three new more titles. Among them, John MacArthur's SLAVE will be out for Christmas. This joint publishing ministry produced already 51 publications.
- Our 10<sup>th</sup> Winter Bible Conference will be held the first time in Prague. We hope to reach new people and give opportunity to attend to people from the western part of the country.
- An interesting movie project:
  - A Czech film crew followed up on Martin and Osa Johnson mentioned in first minute: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBzW\_oUnuqM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBzW\_oUnuqM</a>
  - We had the privilege to see the final product. It will be shown in the USA. What an inspiration for a generation without vision and desire to live for its dream. The 90-minute movie is received in Czech Republic very well.
- At this time we have only seven weeks to the end of the year to plan our activities and organize next year's events. We are already focusing as far as next August activities.
- We are sad that Thanksgiving Holiday is not practiced or mentioned here. We have Gay parade and Halloween events promoted by the US Embassy but not the Thanksgiving ... On our behalf Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for standing with us another year. Our job is not finished yet.
- Our hearts are with the CA fire situation. In the past we saw devastation from fire in Fallbrook area, Santa Rosa and now LA area where we have a number of friends.

Thank you for your prayers, support and participation in our life and Czech & Slovak ministry

In His Sovereign Grace, Pavel and Klara Steiger

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