



JANUARY 2019

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

OUR DELIGHT

Year 2018 is definitely gone. As we begin 2019, let us share with you blessings of the past, and goals and challenges ahead of us. First, we want to thank our Lord for His faithfulness and privilege to serve in Czech Republic, and continuous involvement in Slovak broadcasting. Of course, we would like to do much more but we know that only God is almighty and he never runs out of energy and resources.

It has already been 29 years this January, since Pavel left his professional carrier with an oil company to join HCJB World Radio Mission, and started serving then in Czechoslovakia, now Czech Republic and Slovakia. To name all the people and churches who stood along with us in those days of transition would be endless. We never imagined that our relationship would be so lasting and loving. We spent many wonderful days with a number of you, cherished the hospitality as we became, in a number of cases, part of your family. We cherish many memories. It is amazing that we keep in touch with so many of you from early days until now.

Since 1990, we served under four presidents and three name changes without leaving the mission. We constantly face new challenges. The board unanimously passed a motion declaring, ***"Reach Beyond exists to mobilize the Body of Christ to make disciples among the least reached."*** It is no secret that the mission financial pressures have forced it to make some hard decisions about staffing and operational expenses. It already has made some painful budget cuts, and it is no secret, that its financial pressures have led the men in charge to ask some hard questions whether its current partner-driven model of ministry is sustainable...

As we mentioned before, our Czech and Slovak ministries are not getting any support from the Reach Beyond budget. Most of your support is directed to our ministry cost. Yes, we are a small operation and we remain committed to Bible teaching, publishing, church planting and encouraging other small independent churches. Together we strive to be

light in this dark world. How precious it is to know that in spite of us the Lord can change hearts and minds of people in this predominantly atheistic world.

Previously we announced that we would take part in the Colorado Spring's Reach Beyond's conference. Our plan was to visit supporting churches. However; the conference was cancelled because of the recent budget cuts.

In some churches, we met with a number of pastors. In fact, except for three of our supporting churches, all now have pastors we have not met yet.

CURRENT EVENTS

January is the month of final preparation for our 10th Winter Bible Conference, the first time in Prague. Registrations are coming in and we are excited that a number of new people have an opportunity to join in from the central and western parts of the country.

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

- We could spend wonderful holiday time with our younger son, Vit.
- Monthly series of teaching for men about Elders.
- Monthly series of teaching for ladies with the topic "How to study the Bible and lead a small group."
- Please pray for Reach Beyond's directions and guidance.
- For receptive hearts of Czech and Slovak people.
- For Czech and Slovak churches.

**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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