



**MAY/JUNE 2019**

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

As you celebrated Memorial Day in the U.S., we attended memorial services in Munich. This is the reason our letter is a little late.

*It is finished, it is done, heavenly truth is revealed ...*

We just returned from Munich where we attended a memorial service for Pavel's sister-in-law Eva. We shared with you their health issues and struggles and our concern for their spiritual wellbeing.

Ivan and Eva lived in Munich for 50 years and their worldly accomplishments have been admirable. The memorial service and attendance of family and longtime German and Czech friends was well represented on both sides. One speaker after another were remembering and praising Eva's numerous good deeds and works. Out of that came false hope that after worldly suffering there is reward in heaven waiting for all good people. The whole memorial service was far away from 2 Tm 4:7.

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.*

The Czech Catholic priest who was speaking for the German community was specifically asked not to talk about anything spiritual. The spiritual part was furnished at requiem some days ago. At the conclusion of the service was recited the Lord's Prayer.

All speakers at the memorial expressed their love and respect for Eva and Ivan. We all were touched by the compassion shown. Participation of three out of five grandchildren was emotional. On the surface, all was arranged and done right and with great care.

At the follow up reception, we were able to share family photos and video clips covering the last 55 years focused on Eva's life. It was an uplifting reminder to all present that we should be ready for departure.

Our hearts are burdened since we know that socially and humanly speaking „crop of the crop“ is lost. The only spiritual talk we had was with a Czech priest who serves the Czech community in five German cities. He is the last one who serves in the Czech language in all of Europe except Czech Republic. Czech children born and raised in Germany are not interested in spiritual matters, he said. It was a very interesting discussion in loving spirit but at the end he said: *“I really liked what you said but I will remain Catholic.”*

## LORD IS GOOD

Teaching in our church is uplifting as we see spiritual growth, maturity and bonding of believers. We are in the book of Daniel where the beasts, kingdoms, wars, destruction, suffering, persecution and judgement describe our suffering and persecution of our days as well. We are truly foreigners in this world. Our hearts are troubled as we are surrounded by a rebellious world. Most of our families and our friends are not saved.

## PRAISES AND PRAYERS

- Our grandson Samuel Anthony will graduate in June. Our thanks go to Filip and Lenka, mom and dad, for their love, dedication and patience to home school all four of their children.
- We were trying to reach a few of you, however it looks that the more electronic communication avenues we have the harder it is to reach each other in person. Land lines are almost gone, cell phones have all kinds of filters, Skype is replaced by other services, Facebook is time consuming, e-mails boxes get so cluttered that no more messages can be received ... We live in the world that is so complex that we are sometimes lost.
- We hosted or met several overseas visitors and missed some others. It helps us to know your plans ahead of time. Moreover, remember, our country is small, distance short, however, to get from place to place is very slow. Especially our major highway is a nightmare because of endless reconstruction. Recently about 400 US military vehicles on the way from Germany to Hungary were stranded. The vehicles are too wide; two lanes become one followed by total collapse.
- Next week we will go to Poland for the D. A. Carson conference. We will try to go straight north to avoid Czech corridors and test apparently good freeways in Poland.
- Please pray for Ivan and his recovery as he is undergoing another cancer surgery.
- We all are looking forward to family mountain week of our three churches (Prague, Kladno, Ústí) opened to nonbelieving friends and families.

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

**In His Sovereign Grace,  
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