



JULY 2022
DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS OF
THE REACH BEYOND MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLES
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAKIA

...for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them. Wherefore remember, that once ye, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called Circumcision, in the flesh, made by hands; that ye were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. (Eph 2:8-12)

PEARLS AT THE BOTTOM

Our ministry during the summer months is proceeding, with a few firm plans and many unexpected situations.

2 x 60 – believe it or not, both '60s are anniversaries. The first is the anniversary of Klara's high school graduation, and the second anniversary was celebrated by a group of Christians with whom we spend our vacations. They are getting together already for 60 years. We "youngsters" became part of them only 20 years ago.

The atmosphere at these two meetings could not be more different. Klara's classmates are all unbelievers. Some of them have heard the gospel over and over again, but the response is nil. They are, humanly speaking, all nice and kind people, but they remain blind and deaf to the Gospel.

The first pearl on the bottom, so to speak, was meeting a lady of Pavel's age in a confectionery. She was coming out, we were going in. Klara was so taken by her face that she approached her. We exchanged a few pleasantries and said best wishes and goodbye. We ordered coffee and ice cream. She sat on the patio and we joined her

at the next table. To our surprise, she shared with us the hard-to-believe and troubled life she had lived. As a child, her father, who was to become a priest, abused her terribly. Then she confided in us that when she was at her lowest, she went to church to pray. Pavel asked who she prayed to. She replied: "To a God, I don't believe in." She listened very carefully and before we said goodbye, she said: "I have never heard anything like that. It was like whipped cream on a cup of coffee."

Another day, while we were waiting for the tram, we got to talking to a couple of Jehovah's Witnesses. They usually offer their literature to passersby, and Klara usually reads the headlines with interest. We knew the JW's were going to have a big convention, this time worldwide via Zoom. As we talked together, they were delighted to meet someone who believed in God. Yes, we believe in God, but ours is different from yours. When we asked how they would answer the question, "Why should I let you into My heaven?" They responded: "But that's a useless question, isn't it? Jehovah knows we serve him as best we can..." After a while, when Pavel quoted them: *"for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory,"* they paid attention and recognized that we are not saved by our works... Pavel also told them that according to John 1:1-3a, JW's believe in two gods. One big one and one small one. They were surprised at this and denied it. But their "bible" makes it clear: *"The Word was in the beginning with God [the big god] and was a god [a small god]. The Word [a small god] was used by God [the big god] to create all other things."*

The third event of the July days was the English camp of our congregation in the Krkonoše Mountains. We attended for only three days, but the stay was amazing. A team of 30 people from Spokane WA, and Riverside CA, came, and about a hundred local believers and non-believers of all ages. One of them believed in reincarnation. The atmosphere was wonderful, the program packed, and the gospel and personal testimonies impressive. Unforgettable was the scene when the Americans dramatized the tale of The Great Beet in Czech. Enjoy and laugh with us:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnanom7defU>

The last July event is upon us. Youth summer camp in Silesia. At the beginning of our ministry in the 1990s, we used to have a part of the program at these big events. Now, after many years the leadership has changed, and the ministry of the fathers has been handed over to the sons. We know four generations of these precious brothers and sisters. This year we have been invited and thank God that we both have the privilege of sharing the gospel in our lives with people of all generations.

PRAISES AND PRAYER NEEDS

- Please pray for our friends and relatives. Apart from Klara's brother, we have no relatives who believe solely in the Gospel. We have a couple of Catholic cousins but they believe in Christ, good works, and purgatory. One of our cousins is JW. None of them believes in Sola Scriptura, Solus Christus, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia, or Soli Deo Gloria.
- Please pray for the translators of Pavel's book into Polish, Tomasz Pieczko, and German, Meinolf Mellwig.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS,
SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION
IN OUR LIVES AND THE CZECH & SLOVAK MINISTRIES**

**In His Sovereign Grace,
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