



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

*...and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. Therefore, from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*  
*(2 Corinthians 5:15-21)*

**BOOK TRANSLATING**

Summer networking brings new opportunities. Youth camp in Smilovice brought to our attention two books published in Slovakia dealing with evolution – A Materialistic World View and the Biblical World View. One of the Christian businesspeople expressed a desire to publish those books in the Czech and Polish languages. We got involved. It was the second step. The third step came on Sunday when a Slovak summer visitor stopped in Kladno church. From this meeting arose a joint initiative and this month's coming personal meeting with the author in Slovakia.

## LILI PROJECT

A couple of weeks ago we received the following e-mail:

*Often a couple of times a year we have some extra money, and support ministries God has laid on our hearts. I was wondering if there was a way to give support to you online. I can send a check as outlined in the newsletter but I thought asking via email would give me a chance to say hello.*

Often we are wondering how one event, one step leads to another.

This looks like another step to the project Lili:

*We have a finished Lily comic. We're doing the final proofreading. It still took a lot of editing by a historian from the Terezín Memorial. Brother Tomas Fedorovic has worked there for over 20 years. He has titles before and after his name☺. He gave us valuable advice on the realities. Not only that, he managed to discover an authentic document about Lili's admission to the concentration camp. We also got an offer from TNM Print. The price for printing 1.200 copies of the comic is 94.200 CZK without VAT, that's 103.620 CZK with VAT [\$4.250]. It's a matter of prayers ☺.*

## A GREAT UNKNOWN CZECH

Eduard Ingriš was born on February 11, 1905. He was truly a multi-faceted man, a man of a thousand talents. He shook hands with presidents, made friends with Hollywood celebrities, and drank exotic cocktails in Latin America with the likes of John Wayne and Ernest Hemingway. He experienced life in the Cordillera Blanca, Arequipa, and the Amazon met the descendants of Fletcher Christian and other *Bounty* mutineers at Pitcairn Island, and crossed the Pacific Ocean twice in a similar style to Thor Heyerdahl's Kon-tiki. Not just on any old boat – but on a balsa raft named after the mythical Inca flower, Kantuta. Do you know of anyone else in our lifetime who was declared dead, mourned, and then “came back” to life? And not just once! Several times he was reported dead over the years! If the truth be told, no such a person travels the world this way anymore. When looking at all of those accomplishments combined, there was only one person who could say he did all of that – and that man was perhaps the most amazing Czech, Eduard Ingriš.

He scored music for eleven films, and there are fewer still who have such unique musical talent, who also make movies and take photographs for famous American magazines. In all, he composed over one thousand works, (yes, 1,000) including sixty operettas and musical comedies, full operas, and symphonies. While doing all of that, he also conducted the State Philharmonic and traveled on a simple raft across the Pacific Ocean, twice! He risked his life for months on end and wandered throughout the Amazon basin to undertake geographical exploration.

Ingriš is another extraordinary Czech who ceased to exist in the country of his birth. The rise of Communism in 1947 sent him on a new course into an uncharted new future. The Communists accused him of being “dragged down by bourgeois culture, unsuitable for working and a too progressively-minded citizen”. In February of 1948 when the Communist coup d'état took place in Czechoslovakia, Eduard Ingriš left for Argentina and became stateless after his visa expired. His time in Latin America is another story.

While we lived in Los Angeles Ingriš and other free-spirited Czechs of his era became an integral part of the Czech community. We were a generation apart but together we had a similar experience with Communist treachery and oppression.

The following is a compilation of his life in English:

**Watch Ingriš's Raft Voyage — Kantuta:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4W-AnQIBieQ>

**Listen to From High C's to High Seas" – the life of Eduard Ingriš**

<https://english.radio.cz/high-cs-high-seas-life-eduard-ingris-8562656>

**The Greatest Czech No One Heard of — Eduard Ingriš**

<https://www.tresbohemes.com/2019/08/the-greatest-czech-no-one-heard-of-eduard-ingris/>

## **PRAISES AND PRAYER NEED**

- Having received an invitation to an all-inclusive weeklong retreat with believing friends who are part of our 30-year ministry in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, what can we say other than PTL?

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

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