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***Turn to Me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth;
For I am God,
and there is no other.
(Isaiah 45:22)***

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DEAR FRIENDS AND PRAYER PARTNERS

We wish the warmest New Year's greetings and His blessings to all of you. Many thanks for your Christmas cards, letters, e-mail wishes and greetings. This is always the best part of the year to know how the Lord is blessing and how undeserving we are. At this time we want to praise the Lord for His love and assurance in the ministry we have been carrying together.

The year 2005 was full of surprises and also numerous unexpected tragic events worldwide. It was a reminder of how fragile our lives are and the loving kindness and protective hand we receive from our Lord daily. Many of you shared with us your personal trials and tribulations. With this on our heart, we wish you more of His love, protection and reassurance that we are not alone.

FAMILY TIME

As we searched our memory we realized that we were not together as family at home for Christmas since 1988 in Jakarta. Though away from home it was with friends in LA in 1991 when our family was the last time together at Christmas. Since God has blessed us with three grandchildren, we decided to spend together seven wonderful days in New Hampshire. We treated ourselves to twelve Christmas travel days. We had an opportunity to spend a weekend before Christmas with Northshore Baptist Church in Queens. We stepped right into Christmas parties, fellowship, and joyful atmosphere, and enjoyed the love and care of His body. During our winter travel the Lord was carrying us on His wings. We escaped all the snowstorms and the public transportation strike in New York. The strike was postponed so that we had no problem either arriving or departing New York.

Pavel finally greeted our new granddaughter and we enjoyed time with both boys. Vit came from Denver and, of course, he is the most favored uncle. Once there are grandchildren we crave for those hugs and happy faces. Thus, it was hard to say goodbye. Klara is not any longer "Grandpa," but Klara. Why? "Because I like it that way", said Samuel.

We returned to Prague before the New Year and once again His wings brought us home

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safe, just few hours before the airports on the way were closed down. Snow, ice and gray days in Prague did not cheer us much. Pavel also came home with bad cold that turned into bronchitis and during New-year's week was bedridden so there was no celebration. Because of the holidays he did not go to the doctor's office and his recovery was rather slow. But he is on his feet again and instead of thinking about New Year's resolutions we would like to share with numerous changes ahead of us.



PROGRESS REPORT

The end of the year and beginning of the new one is full of administrative reports, extensions, permits and new challenges. In our December E-mail Prayer&Praise Report about Czech and Slovak ministry titled "WE ASKED—YOU PRAYED—HE ANSWERED" we shared

with you that the Trans World Radio trial live Internet broadcasting on Radio7 is on the air. If you want to experience the sound just enter into your viewer <http://www.radio7.cz/> then select and click on one of the six audio formats below the picture of receiver and pretend that you understand Czech language; music however is international. Satellite broadcasting of TWR Radio 7 should follow shortly.

SPECIAL PRAYER

While visiting friends at the place where the Ski Jumping World Championship was held, Klara attended the morning service in the local church. The lady pastor was extensively praying for all those people who are not yet saved. It was a very precious prayer. Lots of Christian prayers are expressing our desire for Lord's coming. Once again we realized that it is not our but His timing in everything. We have to endure our Christian hurdle according to His will not ours. It is reality and we need to remember that we are not jogging through the rose garden. There are times we gasp for air and long for some rest.

CHANGES AND TRANSITIONS

During the past weeks and last days many things happened and we feel quite overwhelmed. Our ministry is changing and we need to make some major adjustments. In December and January Gabi finished her packing, as she was getting ready to move to Cardiff in Wales. She will become the right hand in a Christian real estate management company. For us this is a painful separation but when we embraced with eyes full of tears Gabi said: "God takes away good things from us to give us even better ones." Of course this is not the end of Gabi's ministry with us. She is taking along her office, including the computer and sound files. She will continue her ministry with us in the same way as we are presently work-

ing with Vladimir, our Webmaster. Thank God for e-communication. With computers it really does not matter where we all are scattered. Our office is becoming more and more a virtual workplace.



IN HIS TIME OR PRAISE IN PROGRESS

Often we are asked the question who will carry on the ministry here in the future. The past 15 years of prayers is finally showing unexpected progress. In November and December we met with dear friends that we have kept in touch with for years. They are a part of Christian group of young people who completed theological studies in England some years ago. Lately some of them assumed our place in ministry in Kladno. Not long ago they started a small Christian publishing ministry. In the past we were helping to present their publications in our magazine. As we were talking about their next mailing with us, once again we were asked how do we see the future of the magazine. We shared our concern and they assured us how valuable and unique is the ministry we have established.

Our Lord put the future of the magazine on their hearts. They think about their potential active involvement in it. Now we all are praying together to be ensured that our Lord is leading us in this direction. They are young, energetic

people, they love the Lord, and in our eyes they are the only perfect replacement for us. This does not mean that we would step aside, but rather work side by side for some next years.

Speaking of some other changes—exactly 20 years ago, before we left for Indonesia, we had written our last will. We knew that we should change it but it was one of those things that we put aside for years. When we finally read it, we were quite uneasy how careless we were not to update important document like this. We do remember that everything is in His hands, however we have to follow His leading in all things.

GOLDEN PEARL AWARD

Pavel rendered an interview to a Czech Christian web site <http://www.granosalis.cz/> and was immediately nominated for "Golden Pearl" award. He won the nomination for November 2005.

HCJB EUROPEAN BOARD MEETING

Over the Thanksgiving weekend we drove about 1000-mile-round-trip to Zurich at the time of the first winter calamity in Europe. Providentially the Lord kept us on dry roads both directions. The snowstorm was always a couple of hours behind us. Those, who were arriving to Zurich by plane had much more dramatic trips. Flights were cancelled and delayed. Because of the winter conditions and late arrivals our program had versions A, B, and C. The Conference was probably one of the most difficult ones we ever had. As the HCJB World Radio ministries are reaching more and more countries with numerous specific projects, there are new responsibilities we have to cope with. The major topics of the conference were:

- Where and how do World Offices plug into the Mission?
- What is the relationship between World Offices and Regional Directors?

- What are the questions and suggestions to organization's structures?

Each Regional Office is involved in different project. Most of the regions are facing shortage of personnel and funding. As for our region, we are excited that a number of Czech and Slovak Christians are involved in various ministries and they know best what is needed and how to do it. We feel that His Kingdom is not diminishing and nationals are raised up and trained to serve. Our prayer is that all ministries in Regions done by international partners will be sensitive to the work of local Christians.

CONFERENCE CONCLUSION AND RESPONSE

We have to be ready to face changes in the ministries and our lives. May God help us being obedient and walking in faith. Nothing is impossible for God. We should fully trust Him. Only He knows, and only eternity will reveal the true results of all the work done.

MINISTRY SITUATION AND CHANGES

We asked for prayer in regards of broadcasting and studio situation in Slovakia: The situation is showing some progress and setbacks at the same time. This is ongoing situation and we are waiting for His answer and intervention. We already reported that TWR-SK will use our Slovak programs, presently broadcasted by Radio Lumen. However, there were some obstacles that we are not comfortable with. Please pray for the wisdom and change of heart of those who are in position to overcome those differences. Please pray for encouragement of Slovak servants.

Our magazine translator and editor are not able to do their work on time or at all, due to difficult family situation. For this reason we decided that as of the next year we will mail to Slovak readers only the Czech version of the

magazine. Please pray that the language change will not affect Slovak readership.

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us that we make the right decisions at right time so as not to hurt or disappoint any one.

- Keep praying for Dworak's as they are raising their support and continue their present ministry.

Thank you to those who faithfully support Czech and Slovak ministry. It is privilege to be your partners for His glory.

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