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But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, that they were saying to you, "In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts." These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God. waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. (Jude 1:17-21)

# **JANUARY 2007**

# **DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS**

With love and appreciation we send you another special bi-monthly Prayer Letter about Czech and Slovak ministries. This is actually our Annual Ministry Report. See also: < http://www.hcjb.cz/newsletter>

# **OUR PERSONAL HISTORY AT GLANCE:**

Another year of service in Czech Republic and Slovakia is becoming part of our ministry history. It is hard to believe that in three years we will serve the Lord with HCJB World Radio for twenty years. The past seventeen years were the best years of our life. What a privilege it is to be one family with all of you, united in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. When we look back we see His hand in our lives. The Lord orchestrated political and personal events the way that our desire to serve Him full time (since about 1987) became reality. In 1969 after Russian occupation we left our native Czechoslovakia, as non-believers. It did not even cross our minds that we might be able to return in our life span. He changed all that. First, He gave us new hearts. We became His children and He gave us the desire to share the Gospel with Czech and Slovak peoples regardless where they live. It is amazing to look back and see His providential interventions. The doors He opened and the doors He closed taught us and showed us that His plan has always been preeminent always the best. Once again we can look back and count our blessings:

He gave us two sons who love and serve the LORD. He gave us three grand-children who are home schooled and faithfully trained by their parents to know and love the Lord:

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Psalms 22:6)

We praise Him for that. Our prayer remains that our younger son Vit (soon 39) will find a Godly wife.

We praise Him for every day He gave us each other to enjoy life and His creation. We praise Him for His loving care to all of us. At our age we have been growing closer to Him as our bodies show the signs of the time. He gave us eternal life and enough strength and desire to serve those who are willing to listen about His saving grace.

### **HCJB IS CHANGING**

HCJB WORLD RADIO is changing its logo and name to HCJB GLOBAL with two sub-branches:

- HCJB GLOBAL VOICE for media ministries
- HCJB GLOBAL HANDS for health care ministries.

To see more you can surf: http://www.hcjb.org

Please continue praying for our:

- Sufficient health and strength
- Volunteers to keep the ministry going at full speed.

### **SLOVAK STUDIO**

The recent Slovak studio development came once again to a major obstacle. The original plan was cancelled due to an extensive noise factor. The reconstruction would cost much more than expected. Other options failed as well. After so many "defeats" Milan Hudec decided to step down for now. We cannot blame him. He holds a full time job, takes care of elderly parents, his daughter just got married, the son will get married soon, etc. He might be a little bit discouraged, but we call this happening "deferred success". We know that the Lord has at this time another way how to reach those who are ready to be reached by the radio! Our Slovak HCJB partner. Mikuláš Zavilla, will pursue other three options for recording in Žilina, Stará Turá and Hlohovec. Despite the problems he is about to renew our broadcasting contract with Radio Lumen for another year. The web ministry with extensive audio access is helping where we are limited otherwise.

#### **OUR SUPPORT**

Recently we lost another of our supporting churches. Since we are extremely low budget ministry we are able to continue to operate our media services. We do not use paid professional services and we reduced our required personal support to the legal minimum in order to keep everything operational. During the last few years we were gradually forced to start supporting those projects that were previously self-supported from Czech donations. We are cutting all possible corners however, any broadcasting and publishing activities are

financially demanding. In October 2006 we were forced to bail out the local Czech budget from general Ministry reserves (\$5,000). The US dollar value is plummeting like a free-falling rock even against Albanian currency... Our support has been halved in five years just due to the unfavorable exchange rate not even counting loss of nominal support and Czech inflation. Our next year's ministry budget will be somewhat "restored" since Pavel will start drawing his Social Security check in February 2007. Thus, we will be able to fill some holes in the Ministry budget by the cuts from our personal support. Praise the Lord that He is replacing some lost support by others supporters. Welcome and thanks to our new partners.

# **PRAY AND PRAISE WITH US**

We pray for Czech Trans World Radio's situation. Their budget was about \$50,000 short in 2006. We all are concerned about the broadcasting future. Each month just the satellite uplink costs about \$6000.

We praise Him that we can labor in His vineyards. We trust that He will answer at His time to give us all needed so that we can sow and others may harvest. We are fully aware that the growth comes from Him. His blessings are plentiful and we do realize that everything, including our daily bread, is His way to show us that He loves us and cares. The name of the Christian journal we have now published for 20 years, "The Battle for the Soul," is an accurate description of hard labor and battles going on all the time. It is a battle for:

- Evangelization opportunities
- Christ-centric messages
- Trust that He will provide all tools.

In spite of the on going battle for the souls there are new opportunities and challenges. We are encouraging you to surf an interesting article about ministry in Czech Republic:

http://www.praguepost.com/articles/2006/1 1/08/taking-on-staunch-czech-atheists.php

Another exciting project in Czech Republic is on the horizon:

### THE REVOLUTION TRAIN

We informed you about the Exit 316 TV project. The following project however, does not originate in Christian circles. Despite, Klara thinks that the Christian community should extend prayer support and personal involvement in this undertaking.

Drug problem is an increasing tragedy among young people in Czech Republic. Actually, within the European Union the Czech youth is in the first place in drug experimentation and abuse. 90 % of surveyed High School students know someone who can provide drugs to them. "The Revolution Train" is a unique multimedia project prepared especially for kids 12-16 year old. The project convincingly shows the experiences, environment and lives of drug addicts and drug dealers. Its attack on the senses is highly emotional as the sample wagon zooms in on a car crash under drugs influence. In first part of the wagon, kids see the presentation film. When the screen rolls up, there is a crash scene with a car wreck, crashed motorcycle, smoke, siren sound and rescue personnel asking the question: "Would you go for a ride with your friends after the discotheque?" The third section of the wagon has additional displays. The interactive

time along with state-of-the-art technology, which the project employs, is aligned with the requirements and demands of today's kids. "The Revolution Train" is going to have eight train wagons, each dealing with a different topic. Other reality wagon sites will show prison, squat, mental hospital ward, etc. The mentioned sites are a part of the story in the train where the film intertwines with reality and through all human senses works with the psyche of the targeted group of young people. In every section, the kids, as well as other visitors of the train, have the chance to electronically vote to directly influence the story of the film. If the visitors know the risk of drug usage, his or her film character may observe the pitfalls of manipulation and succeed in further life. Otherwise, if the individual (class, group) doesn't have even the basic awareness of health harmfulness of drug (alcohol, smoking, abortion, AIDS danger), the film character may even die.

"The Revolution Train" should urge the young people to discussions, to thinking, invoking the notion that being IN doesn't mean taking drugs or abusing other substances, but rather the other way around. Through this new, extraordinary and sensational form, the project represents a unique opportunity to catch the attention of young people, thus supplementing primary prevention. One of the first foreign sponsors and partners is the University of Arizona. Tucson.

Klara's desire is networking the Revolution Train, local Christians, EXIT 316, Bible translators, and other Christian organizations. Perhaps all attending youngsters could get a Bible or MP3 dramatized New Testament or see one of the episodes from EXIT 316 series. Please pray for open hearts and will to cooperate on all sides.

### CONCLUSION

To conclude our annual update, please pray with us for the ministry to Czech and Slovak peoples. We have numerous projects to finish and new ones on the horizon. We praise the Lord for the privilege to serve and ask Him for His protection and blessings for YOU and US, as we stand TOGETHER at His throne.

Thank you, so much, for being a friend. Whether we see you regularly, or have not spoken to you in years, we are blessed to partner with you.

His Peace, Grace and Providence in 2007 to all of you.

In His Sovereign Grace and Service, Klara and Pavel Steiger



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