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For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

(Eph 2:14-22)

**With love and appreciation we send you
today the combined Steiger's
E-Prayer & Praise and
News Release
Reports**

**February and March 2007
concerning Czech and Slovak ministry:**

WE ASKED—YOU PRAYED—HE ANSWERED:

**Greetings to dear Friends and Partners
of the HCJB Global Voice Ministry
to Czech and Slovak Peoples**

NEXT GENERATION

More and more we realize that we are surrounded by very young people who are replacing our generation. It does not mean that our ranks are diminishing; actually number of retired people is growing rapidly especially in Europe. Our generation is now listening to new generation as they are assuming their positions. This is exciting for the future of Czech ministries. Recently we attended lecture – topic Creation vs. Evolution. Libor is the new kid on the block. He is working on research project at the university and teaching at the college level. He came to us about a year ago. It was pleasure to have him in our Bible study group. His ability to express complex thoughts the way people can understand is true gift. We could provide lot of scholarly literature, encourage him to start serving and he is doing great job.

MORE VOLUNTEERS

Our young friends expressed desire to prepare part or topical issue of our magazine. It is great to know that we have someone to replace us when the time comes. This looks like a good match – since they are involved in publishing of Christian translations.

SPECIAL PROJECT

That's how Klara feels about several new opportunities to serve. In past letters we shared with you experience of Czech-Canadian couple serving two terms in Czech Republic and described how well they related to elderly generation here. They truly love the country of their family origin. Their hearts are on fire to bring change especially to local church's attitude toward evangelization leading to the growth by adding new believers.

Jerry Marek, a Czech Canadian, wrote a manual addressing the Church growth. Klara is translating his text from "engliczech" into proper Czech language. Inverse work is for us doing Nathan Dell who modifies our "czenglish" into proper English. What a timing – our church started to look into assessment of our ministry services reserves and ways how to develop outreach to the visitors and how to serve better those who might need help. Church fellowship is usually limited to small groups of somehow related people (related families, past church or denomination memberships, age groups – children, teens, common interests – sports,...). Anonymity of people is one of the most disturbing facts. Attempts to create general or specific Church directory was previously always rejected. We know each other by the faces only and even after several years of the church attendance we do not know each other by the name.

SPECIAL EVENT

Klara was recently invited to attend performance celebrating birth anniversary of Amadeus Mozart in theater where his operas had world premiere. After the con-

cert we attended special reception on stage. Right there is a bronze marking the spot where he was conducting. Mozart loved Prague and his music is beautiful.

SPECIAL VISITORS

Jim and Mary McKean, from HCJB Global membership care, came to visit us. We spent great weekend together, visiting concentration camp in Terezín (Theresienstadt) and enjoying early spring in Prague.

ANSWERES TO PRAYER

Slovak studio is on going battle field of prayers. Few days ago we received sample recording of Steve Cole's messages from book of Hebrews. It is hard to beat Milan's high professional standards, but we know that His word will not miss the target with less sophisticated recording. New coworkers will have about 100 programs to translate from Czech into Slovak and record them. We are very grateful to Flagstaff Christian Fellowship for their partnership – <http://www.fcfonline.org/> Slovak broadcasting is scheduled to start in April. Please keep praying for smooth sailing.

THE REVOLUTION TRAIN

Project is moving on – possibly it will be introduced in the US. One of the US questions is – should drug prevention project become a commercial project? It may happen that realization of project will move faster in the US than here. Cooperation with local drug prevention governmental agencies is hard. They do not like new kid on the block to get into their financial flow.

Each day of ministry is blessing and we thank YOU for being our partner.

JUST THREE LETTERS

(1) Dear brother and teacher Pavel,

I am grateful to the Lord that in the middle of the world that is full of temptations and other gods He leads his people, as well as unbelievers and opponents, to explain and uncover deep truth with help of numerous electronic tools and functions to communicate with gifted people like you. With your help we have unique opportunity to fill our hungry souls with God's word and deeper understanding. I plead with the Lord to find more pastors and teachers like you. Sincerely, Petr Fiala

(2) Dear Steiger's,

I cordially greet you and thank Lord God for immense work that He does through you two. There are only a few question marks I have when I read your articles. I don't want to say by that that you are wrong in those cases. I don't intend to brood about it now.

I followed up with intense interest in your magazine discussions concerning free will of man, new birth, and predestination. God's sovereignty is clear to me. Who are we to fully and necessarily understand what God does and why He does it (Job 42:1-6)? Only our frequently deceptive logic can't align with God's omniscience and providence.

I benefit from your magazine a lot. I only regret that you do not anymore analyze readers' letters in your column "You Wrote to Us". Your Biblical investigation of readers' disagreements and doubtfulness was always very instructive. Your explanations, though often iterative, surely serve those who didn't write to you their views either from hesitation or diffidence (Philippians 3:1).

I mind a little that you quote in your articles theologians that are less known at least to me unless, you quote well known names such as Spurgeon, Stott, Wesley, Barth etc. Their nationality or denomination would help at least. However, these are just small technicalities. I join those who like and enjoy your magazine and appreciate your effort. I am already an old man and most of my pre-WWII generation is far from owning a PC. I don't even own a TV much less Internet. Thus I am dependent on printed texts only.

Please write in greater detail about common human sins not only about sin in general theological sense. I think that born-again man lives in a state of permanent repentance soon after his conversion. Explain Paul's *whatever is not from faith is sin* (Romans 14:23) or Augustine's *love and do whatever you wish* in connection with Christian's freedom.

I wish you all good from our Lord and remember you and your work in my prayers.

Rostislav Kunert,
Prague

(3) Dear Steiger's,

First of all I want you to encourage and thank you for your magazine "Battle for Soul" that you publish. I always look forward to new issue since all its articles function as my Bible study and inspire me to meditate over God's word.

I neither own Internet nor am able to dial on my tuner "Radio7" nor your latest programs. Thus, your magazine is for me the only connection with you. I believe that there are many older people who are in the same situation as me.

I often think over the words of our Lord Jesus Christ when He says:

- *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 'Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 'And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.' (Matthew 7:21-23)*

Whom are these Jesus' words addressed to, and why Jesus refused those who proclaimed allegiance to Him? What did they do wrong? What was their error? Why did He reject them so uncompromisingly?

Søren Kierkegaard in his book „Preparation for a Christian Life“ (1848) describes differences between a follower of Christ and admirer of Christ. In essence he says:

Christ came to the world with intention to save the world and concurrently become an example. He also left His footprint for those who will join and follow Him. These are the followers of Christ whose footprint matches the Christ's footprint. Christ is thus the example. To become an example He had to be born and lived in trepidation and humiliation.

Christ could not offer more than His own conditions to those who join Him. No admirer of Christ can ever join Him under Christ's conditions. Therefore, no admirer of Christ ever became His follower.

What is then the difference between an admirer and follower? The follower wishes to be like the one whom he admires. However, mere admirer personally dwells outside demands of the one he admires, and either knowingly or unknowingly pays no attention to the fact that the admired one

exhorts him to either become or strive to be like the one whom he admires.

Admiring Christ instead of following Him is untruth and delusion that is quite common in Christendom of any historical epoch. Admiration derogates Christ's demands to mere adoration.

With this on my mind I end my reflection. Let God bless and accompany you on your way following Christ.

Ludmila F., Kunovice –

P.S. Well, you can see for yourself that even our older readers and listeners who have no access to Internet or satellite broadcast keep us quite busy...

May God bless and protect you.

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