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You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them by their fruits. (Matthew 7:16-20)

**Greetings to dear “HCJB Global Voice”
friends and partners
who are interested in
Czech and Slovak ministry
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SPRING IN PRAGUE

Since we had mild winter and beautiful spring, Klara has started her yard work early. It is a great time for her to relax after long hours of writing, editing, correcting... Our days are certainly busy. Klara attended several different lectures and meetings. We both attended numerous cultural events – different theaters, operas, concerts, musicals, and a special performance of 230 Japanese dancers. We met friends we had not seen for long time, held several dinners at home, visited a friend in the hospital and hosted several visitors.



**PRAYER LETTER AND NEWS
LETTER FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES
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We also attended a “mixed marriage” ceremony in St. Andrews, Scotland. The bride was American and the groom was from Northern Ireland. We didn’t realize before how instrumental St. Andrews was in the days of reformation. Several people were burned at the stake for their faith. Also Prince William graduated at St. Andrews. At the wedding, we were privileged to be included as part of the family. This was actually a mini reunion with our Texas friends who first encouraged us to leave the oil business in Indonesia and go into the ministry. What a time we had together! We can hardly believe that it has already been more than 20 years since we got together the first time. Now we see how their children are already married or getting married. Together we praised the Lord for lasting friendship. As in the old days we had a great time of mutual spiritual challenge and a sense of Godly adventure we all feel in our veins.

CZECH MINISTRIES PROGRESS

I. Bible translation

Some of you asked how the new Bible translation and its audio form were received, etc. The audio set was released

just before Christmas and over 6,500 sets were sold. Since the CD's are so reasonably priced, people bought them as Christmas gift and for their own use. In the first week over 1,000 people downloaded the MP3 version from the internet. We also loaded the Bible on our HCJB Global website. People can listen to it on line or download it to their PC, iPod etc.

The public comments revealed that many people recognized their Biblical illiteracy and decided that they should do something about it. Many people commented that this was the first time they opened the Bible and understood it. Over 60,000 prints of the new NT translation were bought already. Keep in mind, there are only 10 million Czechs. Actually, the translating team received a call from the printer who asked them to take Bibles away from their storage room, since employees are getting into it. While loading books, one of the employees, said: "I started to read it last weekend and I finished up this weekend." There are many interesting testimonies like that. The Czech National theatre introduced a new opera – Sampson a Delilah. All who attend receive a libretto with the chapter of new Bible translation with details about how to get the full newly translated Bible. The greatest fact is that many secular people in the media are open to bringing the Gospel to all. As far as the rest of the translation goes, at this time about 90% of the OT is completed. The next step is final editing and proofreading. By the end of 2008 the whole Bible should be printed in one book. More and more we see how important project this has been since the Czech people are among one of the least-reached people and have many deformed ideas about God and Christianity. One would think that the

Bible is a new book to Czechs. It is hard to believe that Czechs actually had the first entire Bible translated already by 1411, and it was first printed in its entirety in 1488! See for yourself:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slavic_translations_of_the_Bible#Bohemian

II. Jesus, the Stumbling Block

This was the title of the public lecture Pavel held at the University of Natural Sciences in Brno. Over a hundred people came to listen. Klara was quite concerned since the topic was not intended to please listeners. You could hear a pin-drop. Recently we received a paper written by Stephany Tyson titled: My Grandpa is my Hero. She wrote:

He didn't care what people thought about him; he just cared what God thought. He has been called a "fireball preacher" many times because when he preached, he never did beat around the bush. He told the people straight in their faces what they were doing wrong. In the tent meetings, cowboys on horses armed with guns would come up around the tent to listen, but Grandpa never hesitated. My grandma, however, could just "feel" the bullets coming by.

I would not call Pavel a fire storm preacher, but he is quite bold and passionate teacher. Fortunately there were neither bullets fired, nor rotten tomatoes nor eggs thrown at him. Many students surrounded Pavel and they talked and talked. Slowly we were pushed out of the auditorium and out of building, ending up in a pub with eight people remaining. We overnights at Trans World Radio where the next day we had wonderful fellowship and one-hour recording session. We spent two very productive days in Brno.

III. Live broadcasting in Brno

On May 5th we again drove to Brno for live broadcasting at Trans World Radio or Radio7. This time Pavel's topic was "Measures of Christian Tolerance." He said among other things that God does not tolerate sin; if He did, He wouldn't have to send His Son to the cross. It was received very well by the listeners. We traveled to Brno with our guests, a young American couple we call "our kids", whom we attended the wedding in Scotland with. They extended their trip to Prague to stay with us. We are happy that we could introduce them to our ministry and broadcasting. They already serve on mission committee and Tiffany Woodward is the president of Travel Counseling for Mission Relief & Humanitarian Work. Its web is:

www.footstepsabroad.com.

Once again we must say "the next generation" is great.

IV. A continuator of our ministry?

Let us introduce you to another one. Radek is now an additional official volunteer to our ministry team. He and his wife live and work in Copenhagen, Denmark. Our relationship goes years back. We are thankful that the Lord used us as His instrument to partly form Radek's growth in Christ. He is another person who can carry our ministry baton in the future. After 15 years of labor in the Czech Republic we are reaping the harvest of seeds sowed earlier.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Internet and Skype are marvelous tools for broadcasting and personal outreach. We are getting numerous thank-you letters or messages from new people we would never reach otherwise. Yes, the hungry

souls are there and they are ready to hear and learn. Here are just two of them:

I am one of the grateful listeners of Radio7. I found out that you can tell me where to buy or download New Bible translation. Can you help me?

Thank you Daniel Kostelníček

After many days of Internet surfing I found a reference to audio with topical teaching. I discovered programs you created for HCJB and TWR broadcasting. There are programs with different Bible teachers, like Vernon McGee and others. They explain the Bible systematically verse by verse. However there are so many actual topics that should be addressed, like God's righteousness, creation and new birth, origins of Satan, brainwashing of people by advertising and the media and many others. Actually the latest, when applied to daily life, is the most dangerous. Yes, it is true that Jesus is bringing individuals into His Kingdom, which is not out of this world. This world has powerful influence on us. It is a difficult world especially with selfish, aggressive and ignorant attitudes of people surrounding us. Our consciousness is bombarded by evil all the time. We have no choice to live in another world unless we want to build physical and spiritual walls. Most Christians do not have the will and strength to live without compromise. We have to stand up against principalities and spiritual warfare otherwise our faith is endangered. God is absolute and we can not compromise. How do you preserve a clean heart? We have to drive away evil spirits and ungodly influence to stand up for God. One of the

ways is to learn from gifted teachers and preachers. I do not know how much knowledge and wise words we need to hear to wake up and clean up our life which is constantly polluted by visual perception. We should cultivate our spiritual discipline and refine Biblical knowledge about God's plan. For us, who understand only Czech or Slovak, we miss having a variety of Biblical teaching from different pastors and teachers. Sunday messages in the church are wonderful; we can feel His spirit through knowledge of God's word. Preaching is part of the worship service, our hearts and feelings are touched, however all this is quite general. For our daily spiritual growth we should be taught the same way as you teach us – in a rational and systematic way. Your presentation is vigorous, pragmatic, concise and full of content. We were created from material substance and that is where our spirit temporarily dwells. God does not require from us unsubstantiated faith; he also gave us a rational mind and consideration. God's infinite intelligence gave us His Word to study and reflect on His being and claims. This is the way you teach us to think, reason, and believe. To conclude I would like to ask small favor: I'm sure you are in touch with many pastors and teachers. Can you recommend that some of them create a series of topical lectures based on Biblical survey.

Petr Fiala, Hořice

SLOVAK MINISTRIES

Slovak broadcasting is doing well also. New programs started in April. Everybody is doing his job. Klara enjoys every moment of working with texts by Steve Cole of

Flagstaff Christian Fellowship – to get it prepared for translation. We talked to Mikulas – our Slovak coordinator and praised him for his faithfulness. We like to work with self-starters, people who do their task and we do not have to be in charge on the other end. This is big PRAISE. Programs are accessible on FM Radio Pilsen (CZ), Lumen (SK), satellite and internet, Radio7 CZ and SK, and of course HCJB CZ and SK (audio and texts are accessible on web archive).

It may be only our feeling, but it seems grassroots Biblical Christianity has been growing in spite of us and all the ecumenical attempts to equate Christianity with all other religions. Jesus is the stumbling block for sinners, humanists, religious leaders and all religions.

May God bless and protect you.

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With love and appreciation.

Klara and Pavel Steiger

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