



He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him. Ephesians 1:5-9

**Greetings
to dear "HCJB Global"
friends and partners
who are interested in
Czech and Slovak ministry
February-March 2008**

Greetings to all of you from wintry New Hampshire where we are currently baby sitting our three grand children. In our previous letter we informed you that the Ethiopian court date to rule on the adoption of Jordan, a little Ethiopian girl, by our son Filip and

**PRAYER LETTER AND NEWS
LETTER FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES
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daughter-in-law Lenka was set for February 8. We purchased our air tickets for February 12, with the idea in mind that we can somehow combine our baby sitting in NH with a short Home Ministry in Arizona and California. Best priced airfare is usually fixed the way that one must travel no matter what. Before our departure we found out that the original court decision did not go through since they asked for another document. That meant that our original plans were up in the air as we all awaited the new court date. That was the beginning of our unusual schedule. We arrived in Boston on February 12, hugged our grandkids and on February 14, we flew to Phoenix to start our:

Rolling stone tour

Our friends and partners in New Covenant Fellowship in Phoenix provided us with a four-week car rental. Support of this kind is great and, we believe, straight from heaven. We chose a PT Cruiser and drove to our private quarters in Litchfield Park to reunite with our hosting family, which we first met in 1991. Our body bed memory worked and we slept like babies for 12 hours. We are so grateful to the Carl's family to share their friendship and hospitality. Klara always prepares some great meals to gather the Carl's family. Especially the 94 year old mother is special blessing. We were glad that even Fluffy, the "chosen dog," was alive and well.

Sunday February 17, we visited the New Covenant Fellowship and later joined their

mission people over lunch. In the afternoon we met with the mission chairman at Palmcroft Church, gave our report, attended evening service and met the new pastor that we liked very much.

Next morning we drove to Benning, Calif. – next door to Palm Springs and met the Kealy's, our HCJB Global co-laborers. It was a nice time being with people we have known for such a long time. In 24 hours we covered as much as we usually do at some conferences.

Tuesday morning February 19, we drove to Fallbrook, Calif., where we were given the house code since the owners were away on a business trip. This was a mansion rather than a house. We arrived in the evening and a frog concert welcomed as it rained. We occupied it on our own for two days. It was beautiful, however, we missed the masters of the house. Thank you Al and Katherine.

We met with the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fallbrook – our supporting church, visited several friends in the area and enjoyed a short visit together.

In the morning on February 21 we moved on North toward Los Angeles. We stopped along the way to see some special friends. Our next home base for five nights was in Simi Valley. We stayed again with our home-schooling and very missionary-oriented friends. Seven family members, a family from Colombia with two lovely girls and two of us made the house full of thirteen souls and two dogs. In Simi Valley we also visited the Ronald Reagan Museum and took many pictures, especially of the dresses Mrs. Reagan wore. They looked like dresses for a live Barbie.

In the next four days we had several meetings, one of them in the Grace To You office to discuss the possibility of radio pro-

gram for Slovakia based on a book John MacArthur wrote. We bumped into him and as we mentioned our meeting in GTY office he seemed to be pleased with the project.

After numerous visits and lots of calls, we started moving further North on February 26. What a friendly place and people at the Grace Community Church in Madera. We always stay with another home-schooling family, the Magnusson's, with their five boys. We remember them back when the youngest was in a high chair. Now, two are taller than dad, three taller than mom and four taller than Klara. We stayed there for two nights.

The next home base from February 28, through March 2, was in Oakland. We enjoyed a great day in San Francisco, visited several friends and Pavel's cousin and her children and grandchildren. Sunday morning we drove to Santa Rosa to attend the two services at our supporting Bible Church. We had lunch with its mission committee and talked more about our plans and goals. Late afternoon we returned back to Oakland to pack and spend another night with our relatives.

In the morning on March 3, we headed southward toward Las Vegas. This was our longest drive – 560 miles. We were really tired when we arrived there late at night. Las Vegas was the only place we had to stay at a motel. Next to the Circus Circus hotel, we found an old motel and could not believe the low price. We would pay at least twice as much in Prague. Anna, our dear friend and former neighbor from Los Angeles, moved to Las Vegas after the death of her husband and series of earthquakes. We contacted her but could not visit her since she was just hospitalized. Our other friends were bedridden with bad flu.

Early morning on March 5, we continued from Las Vegas, where it was nice and warm, toward Kingman AZ. It was cold and windy all the way on old Highway 66. We took lots of interesting pictures and had a ball. When we arrived in Flagstaff, it was not only cold it was freezing. Actually, the next morning it was 12 Fahrenheit, about 65 degrees cooler than the day before. We stayed with Pastor Cole and his wife. We translate and broadcast pastor Cole's sermons into Czech and Slovak languages. At the pastor's home we met Julie, the mission chairman of Flagstaff Christian Fellowship. She is mission dynamite. Her fund raising ideas and events are incredible. She should write a manual on how to raise support for missionaries. Her enthusiasm and church involvement and results are admirable.

From there we drove a short distance down through Sedona to Prescott. As we were descending, the temperature rose. What a relief. We stayed in Prescott with our good Czech friends we know well from Los Angeles when our kids were small. It's more than 30 years now!

On March 7, we left Prescott for our Tucson grand finale. We stayed there for five nights with our "mission mother," Marie Taylor, who set us on our feet when we started our deputation some 18 years ago. The El Camino, our supporting church, kept us busy for three days in a row. We were able to attend Tucson Missionary Consortium and met a number of friends, among them the couple who ran the Missionary Press who served us since 1991. At least we could thank them in person. After the breakfast we had a lovely time with two couples who are enthusiastic about missions and friends who have hands on experience. It is neat to be with like-minded servants. Our other supporting

church in the Tucson area, Canyon Del Oro Baptist, gave us some valuable advice during a lunch with their mission chairman: "When everything goes well, watch out, Satan is getting ready to attack." It was also a very sincere reminder to pray for the pastors, churches and people in the ministry. On March 12 we left Tucson for Phoenix and flew back to Manchester the next day.

Quick step

Our travel plans looked like a step into air and it was. Just about a week before our scheduled return to Manchester we learned that the second court hearing went through and Fil and Lenka would fly to Ethiopia to pick up their little Jordan by March 14. Thus we arrived in the evening of Thursday, March 13, and they left at 2 am on Friday for the Boston airport! All came together by timed precision of 8 hours! Thanks be to God it worked out so nicely.

When we arrived in Manchester Lenka told us that the kids, Fil and she, one by one, had a 24-hour stomach bug and it made them miserable. We arrived after six in the evening and Pavel drove Fil and Lenka to the Boston airport at 2 am. At 4 am Emma's stomach attack hit. By Saturday afternoon Pavel came down with it, twelve hours later it was Klara's turn. What a quickstep dance it was! Fortunately, Klara prepared some meals ahead and did the grocery shopping before we became wiped out by this bug. From then on we were all doing well, enjoying the time together, and discovering the true personalities of the grandkids.

Final Adoption Update

We enjoyed the trio and could hardly wait for the fourth one to arrive. Fil and Lenka had a great time in Ethiopia. We talked by

Skype, read the blog reports as they finally met little Jordan. Everything went very well and we were anxious to see the first reactions of all when they returned. Jordan got her own passport made up to Santanayah Filip Steiger and all necessary documents. To see the pictures compared to a real baby is something else.

Our grandsons look a lot alike; however the girls are very different – like Vanilla and Chocolate.

Big family changes:

If you are interested to see more about past, present and future development, visit the blog:

<http://www.thesteigerclan.blogspot.com/>

Praises:

Our Rolling stone tour culminated with all of us finally together on Easter Sunday with the rolled stone of Jesus' tomb. What a special day to remember. Most of all we are happy that baby Jordan is here and all the kids are adjusting well.

We are grateful that we had an opportunity to thank many of you in person for a wonderful 17 years of laboring together. It is so great to have so many Christian brothers and sisters around. Most of them have been with us from our first year in the ministry. If you wonder how we did it all in four weeks without detailed planning, we must admit that the Lord was timing everything. We had our GPS with us, bought a cell phone and it all came together wonderfully. We were able to cover so much in such short time. Everyone was understanding and flexible.

We especially enjoyed seeing how all those home-schooled young people had matured. We admired their conservative views

and attitudes, high moral, ethical and work standards. It is great to see the young generation becoming an integral part of the society. Their observations were much more insightful than TV commentaries about current event. What an understanding we had in spite of generational difference of almost 50 years.

We are thankful to all our coworkers that our virtual office functioned without any interruption. And yes we are thankful that we remained safe and healthy on the road even though we were around sneezing and coughing people.

Please pray with us that our lives, ministry and above mentioned challenges ahead of us will glorify our Father to whom we owe it all. He gave us the best years of our lives.

*With love and appreciation,
Klara and Pavel Steiger
Your HCJB Global Voice missionaries in
Czech and Slovak Republic*

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