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***All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. (2 Timoteovi 3:16-17)***

**July 2008**

Greetings from the Czech Republic and Slovakia! Recently we shared in our E-mail Prayer & Praise Report (E-PPR) the great Czech and Slovak ministry news concerning the final FM license hearing and outcome for Slovakia held on June 16<sup>th</sup>. We rejoice that God is opening new opportunities. We received the following message:

✉ *Dear friends and supporters,  
With great joy we would like to inform you that the Council for Broadcasting and Re-transmission granted us FM frequency 107.7 MHz for Banska Bystrica. Thank you for your prayer support and faithfulness, In the name of all colleagues,  
Lubomir Vyhnanek and Milan Hudec*



In the mean time Milan and Lubomir are preparing for the technical realization of broadcasting. Milan is securing tenders on construction of the broadcasting tower and preparing the rental agreement with the building owner where the broadcasting tower will be placed. Plus, he is working on all the communication and negotiation between HCJB Global Slovakia, Trans World Radio Slovakia and Radio 7 Corporation.

✉ *As a result of better broadcasting power, the cost will be higher than we were calculating. I am willing to use our family savings and I hope that several local sponsors will help. The following week we have a meeting in Banska Bystrica with Lubo Vyhnanek and local pastors. We pray they will catch the vision and become an active part of this project. We would like to broadcast local programs. However we do not have a production studio available.  
In His love, Milan Hudec*

#### **Praise the Lord**

Our 20-year cooperation with Trans World Radio (TWR), now nationally operating in Czech republic and Slovakia as Radio 7, is entering a new era in broadcasting.

**PRAYER LETTER AND NEWS LETTER FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES  
PAVEL AND KLARA STEIGER WORLD OFFICE, PRAGUE, CZ**

**<http://www.hcjb.cz/newsletter>**

Radio 7 – FM 107.7 is the first Evangelical FM license in Czech or Slovak territory. Until now the HCJB Global Czech Republic World Office was buying broadcasting time in Slovakia from the Catholic Radio Lumen. The city of Banská Bystrica will now have two Christian FM stations. Radio 7 will provide interdenominational protestant service. The Banská Bystrica FM repeater will extend the satellite and internet audience of Radio 7. Currently, Radio 7 is supported by both, TWR studios located in Brno, CZ and Bratislava, SK. Together they will transmit 12 hours of Slovak and 12 hours of Czech broadcasting, alternating live broadcasting in the morning through noon, followed by pre-recorded programs. We are excited about the broadcasting in Slovakia. It will be done in Slovak and Czech languages – the same as the present Radio 7 via satellite and internet.

(Speaking of satellite, try to pronounce sa-tel-lite with a different accent and you can hear “tell or set a light” directed to many parts of the world.)

### **Our trip to Slovakia**

Important decisions like this require some personal attention. We drove first to Brno and met with TWR CZ Radio 7 to exchange some organizational and programming set up. Driving to Slovakia from Brno we stopped in Luhacovice – the first place we lived and ministered from 1992-94. We had no plans to stop but numerous detours got us within about six miles from there. We visited our old neighbors who shared their phone line with us then. When we lived there it was impossible to get a private phone line and there was no internet. Our first HCJB conference was held in Luhacovice in 1993 and the core part of the team is

faithfully walking and serving with us still. Looking back we can see how the Lord was preparing inroads for this exciting event. So many people asked us why did you move to Luhacovice? Now we know why. If we had not lived in Luhacovice we would never have had the close ties with Slovakia as we have now.

Our next destination was Zilina, SK. We met with Milan Hudec who is responsible for licensing, legal and technical support; Marian, the program translator and producer; and Drahoslav, head of the editorial team of Slovak magazine. The last meeting was held in Stará Tura, SK with Milan, Mikulas and us. We had many important issues to resolve and needed to establish a new board. We authorized Milan Hudec and the Slovak team to establish the HCJB Global Slovakia.

### **European Conference and International Council Meetings Report**

Where do we start? This time we all met in Spain. The conferences (especially two linked together) are a great opportunity to reattach to the HCJB Global vision and goals. On the other hand, by the time we were finished we felt emptied of the last drop of energy within us. Usually the chairs are ready to be occupied at 7:30 in the morning. Then, we end late at night with our heads like balloons and flat bottoms! With three meals, two coffee breaks and no physical activity in between, it is exhausting and takes some endurance. The end result is like being on a cruise – weight gain of a pound a day.

On the positive side, it is only at conferences like these that we get recharged, inspired, and excited about what our Lord is doing around the world. It is always great

to spend time with like-minded servants we love and have served together with for 18 years now.

### **HCJB Global Transformational Goals**

are far reaching. One of them is empowering local media ministries to transform their communities through partnerships, training, teaching, serving locally driven projects, projects in alignment, mobilizing young technologists, use new technologies, reworking existing ones, multimedia, Pod-casting, You-tube etc. Our ability to adjust quickly to a changing global landscape is the way to go. We were informed about several interesting ongoing projects like: Electronic Bibles for illiterates, Sunset Radios / solar pre-tuned radios, Radio School of Mission, etc. Technology is a great helper. However, as we all know global outreach is exciting, exhausting and expensive.

### **HCJB Global Challenges**

We realize unreached people are all around us. That is why it is important to build bridges. Our challenging task is to find partner ministries penetrating hard to reach areas with available tools and technology. We can do it in many different ways. Radio and new media are often the only inroads from the West.

### **Conference speaker**

A conference speaker from Sweden had a topic on an Arabic experience. The session on "How to Witness to Muslims" was very informative and an excellent presentation. A small booklet called "The Messiah" is a practical example of a natural and cultural way to discuss personal faith. We hope to translate it into the Czech language. It

might be a helpful and interesting exercise. However, witnessing to people around us has another obstacle to overcome; the existence of God is not recognized by most of them.

Lately, we (the Steiger's) were most surprised by the boldness of the Muslim tour guides and their assistants. They made sure to show how well the Muslims think and practice their religion. As tourists, we are asked not to wear any Christian symbols, or bring any tracts or materials into the country. However, it seems like the Muslim guides have it in their job description to present the five pillars of Islam repeatedly. They are eager to show us how Muslims recite the Koran and love to translate the meaning of it, etc. They seemed to do it as an integral part of the tourism package. The West is practicing a one-sided cross cultural experience.

Can you imagine if all the applicants for immigration status in Europe or the USA were informed they are coming to live in a Judeo-Christian world and then had to listen to lectures of local history, customs and meaning of some holidays? Hardly!

### **Ministry approach**

We fully support HCJB Global's approach to help local Christians create indigenous ministry. What a joy and privilege to be part of this process.

We want to help create local broadcasting by indigenous people. We, as the mission are ready to extend the Voice and Hands of Jesus where the Lord opens the door.

### **HCJB Global is in transition**

We had our last gathering with David Johnson, past president of HCJB Global and

with Jim Allen, who has stepped in as interim president. There will be a new president in the future. This means as an organization we have to face some changes and challenges. Part of the conference was dedicated to the importance of leadership training. As we look back on our world office we admit our style of operation is more organic than structural. To be an organic chief is nothing more than to be an Indian or peon and everything else at the same time. However, we hope we have informally raised those who will take the baton from our hands. It is the best we can do today. However, we have to try to improve tomorrow.

#### **WE ASK—YOU PRAY—HE ANSWERS:**

##### **Globally:**

- To pray for the desire to be involved.
- To send missionaries with bi-vocational skills wherever there are openings.
- To encourage dedicated Christians to help others reach the nations.

##### **In our ministry:**

- Please continue to pray for our wisdom, leadership, team unity, spirit of cooperation, willingness to work and serve as a team and suppression of personal ambitions.
- Please pray for all changes and for all contracts and agreements to be clear and legally sound.
- Once again we want to say how grateful we are for each of you who continue to invest in Czech and Slovak ministries and in our lives through prayer and financial support. You are a vital and valuable part of His ministry.

**If you ever considered a special one-time gift toward Slovak ministry, it would be greatly appreciated. The major expense for starting Radio 7 is at the present stage when all the hardware (transmitter studio equipment, PC's etc.) must be purchased. With constant drop of the US Dollar against Czech and Slovak currencies, we are sad to see loss of buying power here.**

*Thank you so much for your continued prayers, support and notes of encouragement. We are overwhelmed by all that is going on. With love and appreciation, Klara and Pavel Steiger Your HCJB Global Voice missionaries in Czech and Slovak Republic*

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