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*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power(s), nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)*

### September 2008

Greetings from the Czech Republic and Slovakia! Recently we shared the great Czech and Slovak ministries in our E-mail Prayer & Praise Report (E-PPR). Here is the latest update: Our days through the summer were busy and eventful – full of local trips, hospitality, visitors and us visiting friends and of course numerous ministry activities. An interesting fact worth mentioning is the situation in the Czech town of Teplice (close to the German border and Dresden) which we visited recently. A sizable Muslim community lives in this town and ladies in black garb are everywhere. Families with children



promenade in parks, young boys gather together, the lower floor in the houses is the family gathering place, ... actually it looks like a flourishing Muslim community. Muslims in Teplice wanted to build a mosque right there, but it was not permitted since the big one is so close in Dresden, Germany. Crossing the border in the European Union is now only as "difficult" as crossing state-lines within the USA.

### August anniversaries

We have three dates to remember in August. We met on August 12<sup>th</sup> 1964, on August 21<sup>st</sup> 1968 the Russian occupational forces entered Czechoslovakia, and on August 11<sup>th</sup> 1969 we left Czechoslovakia and immigrated to the USA. Each of those dates changed our lives for ever. This year it was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary since occupation and the Russian invasion. Visitors in Prague could see many displays of historical photos, slogans and some Russian tanks at different locations in the city. We attended an occupation conference in August and listened to the lectures presented in Czech, English, Russian, and Slovak languages. An American speaker disclosed how logistically and strategically unprepared the NATO and USA were at the time of the Soviet invasion to

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Czechoslovakia. This was a major cause for the US forces in Europe to be restructured. One of the eight Russian protesters at Red square in Moscow in 1968 gave everybody a warning from recent events in Georgia – this is not the last country under Russian siege – she named several other countries, like Ukraine and Moldova, which Russia will not let go to determine their own future. With missile arsenals here and there she uncovered a kind of scary scenario. However, the grand script is in His hands.

### **Publishing ministry moves ahead**

August 16<sup>th</sup> is another milestone in our ministry. We finalized steps in transferring the responsibility of our publishing ministry. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 Jaroslav Kernal will be in full time ministry as pastor and editor in charge. We established editorial council, identified individual responsibilities in the whole process and ways of new cooperation. We praise the Lord that He provided a young team to carry the ministry. We pray that we will be able to provide partial financial support for Jaroslav – our agreement is to bring in about \$1,300 monthly. We ask you to help us. We will continue to participate, write, translate and actively support each new issue.

### **Did Americans bomb Czechoslovakia?**

"Yes, they did" – our grandsons were arguing during their home schooling studies. "Grandma told us!" Of course Klara was happy to find out that they remember what we talked about. At the end of the WWII British and American forces bombed Dresden, then nicknamed German Venice. One of the missions was hindered by bad weather and some bombs were dropped over Prague – one of them hit a church

building. Later, the Americans paid to reconstruct the towers, so above the historical church are modern towers.

Recently we visited the small town where the Steiger family awaited the end of the war. Pavel and his cousin had not returned since 1945. Pavel was 4 years old at that time and it was amazing to listen to them tell how much they remembered about those days. They could even take us to visit the house where they lived.

### **Russians are at war with Georgia! What about Atlanta?**

This was a big concern of our 6-year old home-schooled. That question was clarified quickly. Unfortunately, the situation in the country of Georgia and the region known as Abkhazia will not get settled so quickly. The "temporary stay" of occupational forces in our country lasted over 20 years. As blackmail or punishment from the Russians because the Czech Republic signed an agreement with the US allowing radar placement on Czech territory, an oil pipeline to the Czech Republic was closed. Now with events in Georgia, another pipeline to Europe is tightening delivery of gas and oil.

As you can see, our grandkids started their home schooling and geography is among their favored subjects. Lenka's blog is as interesting as ever:

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

### **Living with technocrats**

**Our phones** – Pavel and Vladimir are constantly looking for some new ways to implement more technological advancements into our ministry. Poor Klara – now we have eleven phone access lines, five computers, six phone receivers, three cell phones, four

phone numbers, and four providers. How should Klara differentiate to pick up the proper receiver with different jingles...? Further, buttons and letters are so small on the Skype phone receiver that Klara misses the right ones. Another thing that drives her bananas is when she sees on display "you missed 25 calls". Pavel tells her "you don't understand, don't worry." Apparently Skype registers all incoming calls that pop up on phone displays. Are you confused by Klara's description? Try not to be. You do not understand, the technocrats say.

Anyway, we want you to know that you can reach us through a Denver number: (720) 381-1310 at US cost. It will ring in Prague. We are 6 hours ahead of the East Coast and 9 hours ahead of the West Coast. If you call before noon, we all will be OK.

**Multitasking** – Pavel was so into the Republican Convention that he was monitoring a score of different sources of news, radios, video clips and commentaries on one computer with two screens and a maze of little windows running simultaneously. Until now Klara thought that men can do only one task at a time! Give them the proper gadgets and a miracle happens. The convention brought many great memories we have from the "not sophisticated enough, not cosmopolitan enough and not flashy enough" West as Rudy Giuliani put it. We lived when we immigrated to the USA for the first five years (1970-1974) in Northern Idaho, about 100 miles from Sandpoint where Sarah Palin was born. We just can see her values that seemed to us, when we moved there, so old-fashioned. We did not know Lord Jesus Christ; we were "elitists" then. Anyway, it is refreshing to have someone who sticks to family values, conservative outlook, common sense, and most of all the spirit and hope to change things. We wish that same breath of fresh air instead of political games would come here to Czech Republic as well.

## **PRAISES:**

### **Radio7 FM 107.7 Banska Bystrica, Slovakia**

All the legal requirements for registration were met and legal status was granted. HCJB GLOBAL SLOVAKIA is a reality. Milan is busy taking care of all the technical aspects and preparations for broadcasting. The present task is construction of a broadcasting tower.

### **Current Slovakia Broadcasting**

We finished 84 radio programs on Hebrews from Pastor Steve Cole. This will cover Sunday broadcasting till the end of year 2008. The next series is on the book of James. At this time we do not have a translator – however Klara started to translate and enjoys every moment of this creative ministry.

### **HCJB GLOBAL Hand-in-Hand with TWR**

*\* The Slovak national partner of HCJB Global plays a vital role in the success of the idea to establish the first Evangelical FM broadcasting in Slovakia. In cooperation with Trans World Radio (TWR) Slovakia, a broadcast license has been granted this summer for the city of Banska Bystrica. Thanks to the vital help of HCJB Global, the Czech World Office and countless unnamed givers, the needed finances for purchasing of broadcasting equipments was procured.*

*The idea of FM broadcasting had risen when the Department of Evangelical Theology and Mission at Pedagogical University of Mathias Bell was established in the city of Banska Bystrica in 1993. Many prayers and short-lived disappointments were experienced since. Several fruitless attempts were made to establish a broadcasting recording studio for the students of theology to train*

*them in media communication skills. Almost 15 years later when no answer was in sight, the idea was almost abandoned. However, at His time God started acting His way. This is the way God is working in many situations. One has to give up one's plans and goals to allow God to work. In 2008 God opened the door for HCJB Global's Slovak partner to work out the frequency survey for the Banská Bystrica territory. A license for a 500 Watt transmitter was granted. It is estimated that it will reach about 150,000 potential listeners. Presently, the Slovakian partner of HCJB Global Slovakia and TWR Slovakia has been working out the technical aspects of the broadcasting. We are still in need of a broadcasting studio, but we believe God knows about our needs and he will provide in His time and His way.*

*Praise God for the opportunity for Evangelical Churches to start 24-hour-a-day FM broadcasting in Slovak and Czech languages. Praise God for the countless unnamed givers who have felt God's call to support Slovak and Czech broadcasting ministry. HCJB Global Slovakia wants to express deep thankfulness to the HCJB Global Ministry for financial, prayer and technical support to this project. God knows the names and He is faithful to reward.*

*Milan Hudec, HCJB GLOBAL Slovakia*

#### **WE ASK—YOU PRAY—HE ANSWERS:**

- 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.
- Technical and construction preparation of necessary steps for broadcasting. It takes careful planning and shopping around to purchase components meeting European norms and standards.

- Sufficient funds for necessary ministry investment for needed technology. US dollars went up a little.
- Slovak studio solution.
- Your support is divided as follows: January – July 2008 total contributions in 7 months: \$36.735 or \$5.248 monthly of which \$23.890 or \$3.413 monthly was transferred to ministry account, and \$12.845 or \$1.835 monthly was transferred to personal account. You can see that 65 % of your support goes into ministry. THANK YOU!
- Returned e-mails: thank you for your replies. We updated our list. We do not want to loose touch with you.

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. Our eyes are focused on the Lord and His guidance.

*With love and appreciation,  
Klara and Pavel Steiger*

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