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... so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.  
(Ephesians 3:17-19)

### March 2009

Greetings from the Czech Republic and Slovakia! In spite of all the doom and gloom of global recession, we have an exciting report for you.

### Ministry Milestone

Radio 7 FM 107.7 in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia is reality. All involved parties, special guests and local pastors gathered on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2009 to attend Banská Bystrica's celebration with HCJB Global and TWR Slovakia. Special program was transmitted live in Banská Bystrica. Also satellite link and internet carried broadcasted event. FM signal is strong and reaching potentially about 300,000 listeners in the area. As we drove through mountainous terrain to Banská Bystrica we monitored FM 107.7 fre-



quency. When we heard the first word our hearts were leaping with joy.

### Slovak FM broadcasting is reality

Broadcasting testing of Radio 7 FM 107.7 in Banská Bystrica started on January 29, 2009. Praise the Lord! Our prayer is to get seven FM licenses and some low capacity repeaters for valleys in Slovakia.

\* Dear Steiger's, Pavel and Klara. It was a pleasure to meet you after a long time. Again, thank you for attending our celebratory opening service of Radio 7 in Banská Bystrica. Many thanks for your involvement in providing all broadcasting technology. Without you there would be no transmitter to open on Saturday. Let the Lord Jesus bless your work. Please, give our thanks to all three supporters in the U.S.A. I am also ready to thank them if you give me contact. This is a real pioneering endeavor. It is the first evangelical FM Radio in Central Europe. I believe that our Lord will bless this broadcasting and it will become an evangelization tool that will be used and supported by local churches.

God willing, we want to open seven Radio 7 FM stations by 2015 (one per year). See attached map of Slovakia with seven stars:



*We will be looking now at Košice that is the second largest city with potential of 500,000 people. Trenčín is our third choice. This is a very difficult task.*

*We would appreciate if HCJB Global Slovakia could again supply the broadcasting technology for these transmitters. That is for us the hardest hurdle.*

*We wish you His peace,*

*Luboš Vyhnánek, director TWR Slovakia*

#### **Thank letters to three special partners:**

- \* Grace Community Church Madera, CA
  - \* Our dear friend Geradona Willson
  - \* HCJB Global became the last partner
- Because of you the FM Radio 7 dream became reality.

#### **Thanks to Trans World Radio cooperation**

We, HCJB Global Slovakia, own the entire technical equipment of the transmitter while TWR Slovakia owns the broadcasting license and is responsible for programming. We praise our Lord that He gave us unity and spirit of cooperation that goes back to 1987.

#### **Broadcasting outreach**

Along with broadcasting events, some Slovak listeners asked for the programs of Hebrew texts to be published. They have already contributed some funds toward this publishing project. We have a willing Christian publisher. Now we need to gather all translated texts together and edit them. Praise the Lord we have overcome some man-made difficulties.

#### **January-February Highlights**

Our new team of coworkers and editorial council recently prepared a winter mini-conference in Kladno, Central Bohemia. The name of the conference was "His Word Is Light for My Feet." Covered topics were: 1. Why we need to use scripture, 2. The role of expository teaching, and 3. The importance of context for Biblical interpretation. The well-prepared

seminar is now available on MP3 format or on four CDs. We can say – well done!

The first Sunday in March we attended the appointment of three elders in the church in Ústí which is instrumental for the continuous future of our magazine and books publishing. What a joy it was to see this! There was a lady present who gave an incredible testimony. She is 75 years old and had traveled to 110 countries. She used to run a travel office and all the money she made she spent on traveling. She saw as many different world religions, temples, churches, practiced yoga, etc., was self-sufficient and a non-religious person. Not long ago she was approached by one of the new elders at a public square in Ústí and he asked her about her faith. She told him that she was not interested in discussing any religion with anyone. However, as she said, he was a nice and polite young man. They started to talk and she became curious. He invited her to go to Bible study. She carefully compared, studied and the Lord changed her heart. What a victory! She is excited and ready to talk about faith in Christ. We got excited as well. She lovingly received numerous truths and challenges from all of us. What a joy to see another child.

#### **The complete new Bible translation**

is called "The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Bible." It was previously called The New Kralicka Bible (originally printed in 1594). It will be released at Easter time.

#### **Book Worth Reading Was Recently Translated Into Czech Language**

"Hansi, The Girl Who Left the Swastika" Background: Hansi grew up as an orphan in harsh poverty and rejection. When Hitler's troops conquered her homeland, Czechoslovakia, she was selected for a German Nazi-school to be trained as a youth leader. Idealistic, but brain washed, she watched her world disappear at the end of WWII, when she was taken to a

Communist labor camp in Bohemia. She escaped to West Germany joining thousands of starving refugees who desperately needed food, shelter and a new meaning for life! You can find more at her website:

<http://hansiministries.org/bio.htm>

#### **Feature film worth exploring!**

On February 16, we attended the premier of Fedor Gál's feature film. Please check it out for yourself. It deals with the never-ending question concerning human depravity. What does the beast-like behavior of men trigger? Fedor is a Jew and one of two children born in a concentration camp who survived! We know the author well. His son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter live in the same building we live. It's a must to open:

<http://www.kratkadlouhacesta.cz/>

Then click "[english](#) >" on the right side, click "enter website >" and start browsing around. See pictures, read stories, and watch videos with English subtitles.

#### **Czech presidency of the European Union.**

Quite a few interesting events are happening or are ahead of us. One of the special events is the April visit of President Barak Obama and Hillary Clinton in Prague. Secret service and security forces are already at work. It looks that there will be no radar in the Czech Republic. Russia will not give up easily on their former sphere of influence.

Last time we reported on Czech leadership of the European Union. Previous leadership was headed by France and it took a while for the French president to realize he is not in charge any more. He did what he could to discredit Czech leadership. His major argument was that Czechs are not capable to solve the European economic crisis. Who actually is?

#### **Virtual Babylonian financial madness**

Economic crisis concerns are growing everywhere. How will the Euro Union handle all the troubling signals when most of 27 countries have one currency and each country has a different tax system; different earning power; different budgets; social systems; financial procedures; and yet bank ownership is realized across the borders. Losses in former western countries are astronomical and some banks are already nationalized while banks in former Eastern Europe are locally still profitable but are owned by foreign banks. This is kind of an imported recession in export-dependent Central and East European countries is boomeranging back to Western investors in the region. The Czech Republic may be unfairly caught up in the investor flight due to its location rather than any serious instability in the banking sector. In step with markets across the region, shares in the Western parent companies of Czech banks were decimated on the Prague Stock Exchange (BCPP) in reaction to reports from two rating agencies admitting the possibility of downgrading Western banks with exposure to CEE economies. Investors' fears aren't completely unwarranted in the Czech Republic. However, the crown has weakened considerably in the past six months along with neighboring currencies ... dropped 26.24 % this year. February 26, 2009 Prague Post

*BRUSSELS — German Chancellor Angela Merkel and other European Union leaders flatly rejected a new multibillion-dollar bailout for Eastern Europe yesterday, suggesting that additional aid be given to struggling nations on a case-by-case basis.*

Some European auto makers are owned by American automakers and they are sinking them down. Each country is defending their own interests and proposing solutions to benefit themselves. Every one is scared of protectionism. Foreign workers are loosing jobs. Tensions are growing. Factories are closing down. People are careful to spend less money.

The Czech Republic exports 60% of its goods and imports 40%. The currency rollercoaster against the dollar and Euro makes investors nervous. Czech car maker Škoda is doing well because they are still exporting since the old cars scrap initiative and value added tax cut drives people to buy new or newer cars.

As we look toward global solutions, it looks like it is generally more acceptable to make everyone equally poor than unequally rich. Accepting this kind of thinking is nothing less than embracing socialism which we had here for so many years. It is a sad reality. Somehow we relive times of our parents when "monetary reform" and newly issued currency stripped most people of all the savings they had. The next step was nationalization of private enterprise followed by farm collectivization. Political process madness brought oppression, fear and the end of democracy for the next 40 years.

During that time people stopped living, started just to exist and became completely dependent on government. The motto for life was: who does not steal or fleece the system, is robbing his own family.

People became addicted to governmental subsidies of any kind. We see the same trend spreading worldwide. Only a financially illiterate person can swallow terms like "*tax reductions for low income people*" which will amount to \$56 per person and nobody even laughs at terms like "*tax cut reversals*" for higher income people. Governments are creating new institutions, redistribution plans, financial instruments and what is most scary – more debt for everyone.

**Subject:**

Worried?

1. The US has made a new weapon that destroys people but keeps the building standing. *It's called the stock market.*

2. Do you have any idea how cheap stocks are? *Wall Street is now being called Wal-Mart Street.*
3. The difference between a pigeon and a New York investment banker? *The pigeon can still make a deposit on a BMW.*
4. What's the difference between a guy who lost everything in Las Vegas and an investment banker? *A tie!*
5. The problem with investment bank balance sheet is that *on the left side nothing's right and on the right side nothing's left.*
6. I want to warn people from Nigeria, if you get any emails from Washington asking for money, it's a scam. Don't fall for it.
7. President Obama's response was to meet some small business owners in Washington D.C. last week. *The small business owners are General Motors, General Electric and Bank of America.*

We are grateful for each of you who continue to invest in Czech and Slovak ministries in prayer and financial support.

*With love and appreciation,  
Klara and Pavel Steiger*

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