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(1) Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,

(2) in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

(3) There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him;

(4) they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

(5) And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

(Revelation 22:1-5)



July 2009

We are sending greetings to all of you from rainy Prague, from HCJB Global Czech and Slovak Ministries. Before we take a deep breath to explain what is going on, we ask: "Where has the summer gone?" The last nice and sunny days we experienced were in April. May and June were cold and cloudy with lots of rains and some serious floods that took some fifteen lives just in Czech Republic.

HCJB Global Euro-Asia Conference

In early June we attended the annual HCJB Global Euro-Asia Conference in Butzbach-Bodenrod, Germany. Klara took many notes as she was planning to share them with you. However, it looks like the notes were left in Germany.

This was the first time we met our new HCJB Global president Wayne Pederson. To summarize our president's main theme of his conference messages is profoundly simple: *"It is all*

about Jesus." He is a very positive and personable leader. With the new President and new circumstances in the mission a number of changes are taking place. At the conference we were informed about an important change concerning the organizational status of our ministry in Czech Republic and Slovakia. Briefly said, our ministry in both countries will no longer be a part of the family of HCJB Global World Offices. It may be changed to HCJB Global Ministries, Czech Republic & Slovakia or something similar. We have to wait for this decision. Nothing will change in our ministry work here in Prague. This administrative change will affect practically only one thing—switching your support from "Czech World Office" account to "Pavel & Klara Steiger Ministry" account. We did not initiate this change. We were informed and told that details will be finalized at the HCJB Global Board meeting in September in Colorado Springs.

Some five years ago we asked you to redirect your support from "Pavel & Klara Steiger Ministry" account to "Czech World Office" account. Due to the above mentioned organizational restructuring we now ask you again to revert to "Pavel & Klara Steiger Ministry" account for our project and personal support. We will continue to support local projects and ministries from that account and will keep our personal intake at the same low level.

Therefore,

Please send your support from now on to our ministry account. Attach the following note to your check:

*For The Ministry of
Pavel & Klara Steiger,
account #: 100-110329.*

Everyone present at the conference was asking what was happening, what are you going to do now? The bottom line is we will continue doing what we have been doing up till now only under a different organizational chart. HCJB Global World Offices are independent, led and staffed by nationals in respective countries. They are supposed to raise support outside of the U.S.A. Their function is a bit broader, more administrative and organizational with the global view of missions. On the other hand, though we are ethnically Czechs, we are U.S. citizens. We do not have dual citizenship. All our economical, family and any other allegiance is tied to the USA.

Our ministry here in Czech Republic and Slovakia is really not globally but locally oriented to the Czechs and Slovaks. Thus, we are in a unique position that does not fully square out with HCJB Global World Offices functions.

Since day one with HCJB Global we were kind of pioneers in the field. As

of now we will directly report to the Regional Director of HCJB Global Euro-Asia instead of being a national Czech World Office. That person is to be appointed in near future.

Broadcasting strategy plans

In May we clarified our cooperation with Radio 7 (Trans World Radio) and the broadcasting license strategy. The cost of satellite broadcasting for a limited number of listeners is financially hampering its operation. This is one of the reasons we see an urgency to pursue a broadcasting license for Radio 7 to be jointly operated by TWR and HCJB Global Ministries in Czech Republic and Slovakia. Radio 7 is producing 24-hour programming through internet and satellite. If the broadcasting license was issued to us we could reach many more people with minimal additional effort and cost. We identified possible actions and made a checklist of contacts we already have and know. Milan Hudec identified two more locations in Slovakia where we will pursue new licenses.

It is finished, it is done ...

We published another booklet in the series of pocket theology. Klara finished translation of thirty-one messages from Pastor Steve Cole. Messages are being translated into the

Slovak language and broadcasted on Radio Lumen in Slovakia. They will also be recorded and broadcast in the Czech language by Radio 7.

Possible TV project

We were contacted about permission to digitize Pavel's lecture from 1996: "Evolution—the End of Christianity?" There is a new (Catholic) local TV channel NOE (Noah) in Czech Republic. It produces interesting programs; and we can offer several other projects from our private video archive.

Summer visitors

Since our last letter we had the privilege to host a number of visitors. Usually we attend some cultural events with them. One of these unforgettable events was presented by Berkshire Choral from USA in the Nazi concentration camp in Terezín, just 40 miles north of Prague.

Geoff Volker, his team from Arizona, and a Romanian pastor with his family were the next group. They ministered to Gypsy pastors in Romania. We sure enjoy likeminded people (our mentors) who love teaching others to be more effective witnesses through a deeper knowledge of Gospel.

Pavel hosted another special visit from one of our first supporters. What a joy to see those small kids grown

into nice almost-adults. Mom looks the same as when we first met. In the meantime Klara attended the 50th anniversary since she completed compulsory education (8th grade). Seventeen of her classmates and two teachers spent an afternoon and evening together. It is sad that not one of them is a believer or interested in spiritual matters. The only opportunity to talk briefly about God's love and care was to the family of man whose wallet Klara found while taking a memory walk from one town to the next. The wallet contained about a month's salary in cash, a credit card and all ID's. They sure were relieved and amazed, that someone brought the wallet back to them.

The area is economically quite depressed. Sixty years since nationalization and communist mismanagement, market economy tunneling, the buildings and factories built originally by Germans are now in ruins. People do not take care of properties which they took over from the owners who built them. The whole atmosphere was just a reminder and illustration of how life can change from day to day for some and for others how temporary everything is.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray that all administrative changes will be understood by all our supporters and churches. We

will inform you by personal letter with instructions.

- Please pray that we can continue Czech and Slovak ministry in the middle of required changes.
- Please pray for our contacts we already have and know among radio communication experts. It is interesting that now we communicate with sons of retired fathers we first communicated with when we came to this country, as they continue in the same field.
- Please pray for new radio licenses and possible TV ministry opening.

*In His Sovereign Grace
With love
Pavel and Klara Steiger*

*Your HCJB Global Missionaries
in Czech Republic and Slovakia*

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