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*But I want you to understand that  
Christ is the head of every man, and  
the man is the head of a woman, and  
God is the head of Christ.  
(1 Corinthians 11:3)*

**July 2010**

**Let us share our E-mail Prayer &  
Praise Report with you:**

**English Camp and Herrnhut**

Greetings from our real summer season full of vacations, short trips and visitors from near and far. As we mentioned previously, many churches are organizing Family English camps during school vacation in cooperation with US teams from Spokane, Wash. and Los Angeles, Calif. Three churches which are now part of the magazine publishing ministry and theological mini-conferences organized a camp for about 90 people (including children) in Kamenický Šenov, CZ. This place is known for a unique volcanic rock formation and



the last time Klara was there was in 1966. We picked a perfect day to visit the camp. When we arrived home scorching heat hit all of Europe. Together we really enjoyed a day trip to Herrnhut in former East Germany. The name of the hill (*Hill of Watching*) suggested the name of the Moravian settlement founded by these exiles on the Zinzendorf estate in 1722. Herrnhut means "The Lord's Watchful care"; the inhabitants were to be on watch for the Lord, as they were also under the Lord's watchful protection. The Moravian missionaries were the first large-scale Protestant missionary movement. They sent out the first missionaries when there were only 300 inhabitants in Herrnhut. Within 30 years, the church sent hundreds of Christian missionaries to many parts of the world, including the Caribbean, North and South America, the Arctic, Africa and the Far East. Moravian brethren were the first to send lay people (rather than clergy) as missionaries, the first Protestant denomination to minister to slaves, and the first Protestant presence in many countries. Some Moravian scholars point to a different formula as a guide to constructive debate about faith. This formula was first advanced by Luke of Prague 1460-1528, one of the bishops of the ancient Unitas Fratrum. Luke taught that one must distinguish between things that are essential, ministerial

or incidental to salvation. The essentials are God's work of creation, redemption and sanctification, as well as the response of the believer through faith, hope and love. Things ministerial are such items as the Bible, church, sacraments, doctrine and priesthood. These mediate the sacred and should thus be treated with respect, but they are not considered essential. Finally, incidentals include things such as vestments or names of services that may reasonably vary from place to place. The church's emblem is the Lamb of God with the flag of victory, surrounded by the Latin inscription: *Vicit agnus noster, eum sequamur*; or in English: "Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow Him".

After Herrnhut church and cemetery exploration we continued to Zittau (Žitava) and had an opulent iced chocolate treat. It is nice to see how many buildings on both sides of the territory which was separated by impenetrable border till 1962 are now restored. Toward the end of the month we will spend a week with a group of Christians from Brno in Železná Ruda – on the Czech side. We visited the German side of the town Bayerisch Eisenstein several times with binoculars during the communist era when we could not visit Czechoslovakia.

### Passion Play in Oberamergau

In August we hope to spend a week in Bavaria. We have tickets to see a Passion play in Oberamergau. Klara heard about this tradition from her father when she was a little girl. Gripped by war, poverty

and plague, the villagers of Oberamergau, in Bavaria, southern Germany vowed to put on a 'passion play' every ten years... That was back in 1633. They survived, and performed the first Oberamergau Passion Play in 1634. Ever since, their descendants have carried out that pledge. For the past four centuries the tradition has continued. Every ten years, over 2000 participants from the local village bring the story of Jesus of Nazareth to the ears and eyes of the audience in a five-hour Passion Play. Please pray for Pavel's brother and his wife that the Lord will touch their hearts in very special way.

Each time we have the opportunity to travel locally we are always amazed what a difference there is between living in Prague and in other places. The beauty of the countryside is amazing; the spiritual state is disturbing. Recently we discovered the following description through the eyes of US missionaries:

### A Dozen Glimpses into Czech Culture

1. People are content with less and don't think of it as little. It is not a consumer society. Two or three pairs of shoes are more than enough. Sure, they like the post communist era in which meat and fruit and toilet paper are always available. But maybe the communist era, with waiting in long lines hoping for some basics, taught them this New Testament ideal, "if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content." (1 Timothy 6:8)

2. One must be eighteen to get a driver's license. Most people wait until their 20's, and some never get a driver's license. 95% of people live within walking distance of a town square and food store, and public bus and train transportation make an auto optional for many.
3. When a family buys a house, it is nearly certain that they will live in this house for the rest of their earthly life. Living close to one's extended family is more important than work advancement. Promoting people and asking them to move is nearly unheard of in the Czech Republic. People do not look up or down on each other by whether they live in a house or a flat. And a 200-year old building is as acceptable as a new home.
4. Meals never have salty and sweet food at the same time on the same plate. The main meal never has anything sweet, including most fruits. This means people eat a lot less sugary foods. Obesity is not a national problem. The noon meal is the main meal, and the evening meal is a light snack. And children eat what the family is served and they are grateful to be fed.
5. Eating in a restaurant is considered an extravagant and expensive treat reserved for special occasions such as a birthday. Students tell us they eat in restaurants less than once a month, and only twice a year is common.
6. Students go home from school and continue to study... often until mid-night. They are taught and examined on 12-14 high school courses at the same time. I don't know how they manage this, except they do not watch television and they do not play computer games Sunday through Friday. And students read books, both for school and for pleasure. They know that whenever you are in the middle of a good book, you will never be bored.
7. Children begin learning their second language at age 5 and their third language soon after. High school students have studied Czech, English and German for 7-10 years. Some also learn Russian, French, Spanish and other languages.
8. Entertainment is a treat and not a right. Parents make no effort to keep their children happy and entertained. Parental values are to manage their children's health and politeness, education and preparation for adult life.
9. High schools and universities do not have athletic teams, but athletic participation is available through community programs.
10. Everyone is insured. Insurance is not an issue in employment or unemployment, in changing jobs or starting a business, even if one has a history of cancer or heart problems.
11. Go green. No home, no matter how wealthy, uses an electric or gas clothes dryer. It is considered a waste of energy and money. Every home has an indoor drying rack, and outdoor clothes lines are used

weeks a year. Visiting friends and seeing clothes hanging to dry in living rooms is as normal as seeing lamps and chairs.

12. Our ten year old five speed Czech Skoda diesel 5 passenger car gives us 50 miles per gallon. They've been manufacturing 50 mpg mid-sized autos for a decade in Europe. It can be done.

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#### **PRAISES and PRAYER REQUESTS**

- We are finally getting to the stage that we can organize some program archive files. What a great feeling. I hope that I can clear my horizontal files. We are really happy that the Lord provided a young and energetic ministry team. Together we can do much more. We marvel at how He intervenes in His time. We could not plan or time things better.
- Most of our friends and people we are related to or come in contact with are non-believers. All of them are, humanly speaking, nice people but are as spiritually lost as can be.
- Pray that Lord will touch the hearts of Czech and Slovak peoples. As we traveled through different small towns we noticed that each one of them has several gambling places, a castle or tower, a centuries old Catholic church, numerous wayside crosses, but no place for worship.

- Please continue praying for Milan and the radio ministry and the effort to obtain another FM frequency in Slovakia.
- Please pray for our Pastor Daniel, he is on the waiting list for the auto transplant.
- Our son Vit is leaving on mission trip to Uganda and Ethiopia to visit orphanages. Pray for his safety and visit his blog after his return in August:  
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*Love and greetings to all, Thank you for your faithful support, prayers and loving kindness. In His Sovereign Grace with love Pavel and Klara Steiger, your HCJB Global Missionaries in Czech Republic and Slovakia*

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