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**BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE
BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK,
MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.
But we are not of those who shrink
back to destruction, but of those who
have faith to the preserving of the
soul. Now faith is the assurance of
things hoped for, the conviction of
things not seen. For by it the
men of old gained approval.
(Hebrews 10:38-11:2)**

September 2010

**Dear Friends and Partners
of the HCJB Global Ministry
to the Peoples
in Czech and Slovak Republics**

Summer is over and it looks like sunny days have skipped us all together. The reason may be that Czech Republic will soon have the most solar voltaic cell panels per capita in the world. The government guaranteed for the next twenty years to buy out solar power at



three-fold price than it is sold to the regular consumer. This means that the cost of renewable energy will be paid by the tax-payers and the price of electrical power will go up 25% in 2011. It breaks the heart seeing these ugly panels with wind "mills" covering former fields. The countryside loses its former beauty. It's the highest degree of visual pollution. Czechs do not have vast deserts as the USA. Do you understand what is going on?

A couple days ago we visited with David and Lois Black from the Canadian HCJB Global Donor Relations office. What a joy! David, as a former geography teacher, amazed us. Before we could show them our secret and picturesque short cuts through Prague, he already knew places we wanted to show them! They even discovered the restaurant where horse sausages are served as appetizers. He was our first visitor from North America who moved around with absolute certainty as if he had lived in this country since year one, throwing at us names of unpronounceable Prague tram stops and little Czech towns!. Simply amazing!

Perfect Fall Day

Last Saturday we started at the Farmers Market which is held every second week of the month. Klara bought bunches of vegetables, a couple of as-ter plants, plums and tasty summer apples. When Pavel opened the refrigerator that night he said, "It looks inside like a forest."

After lunch at home we continued to Prague's castle to see green houses that provide flowers and bio-veggies for presidential consumption and special occasions. This part of the Castle was just opened the first time in history and the first lady was the special guide. Since the queue of the people was really long (over 8000 people came to this event), we decided to see the Cartier jewels show next door instead. It was an absolutely amazing and beautiful collection and included the history of some pieces. The previous owners of those jewels were all very rich and famous. At the time they had the world at their feet. No matter how rich and powerful people were or are, the most important question to ask is where they are spending their eternity. At that point all the diamond and gold luster of the world is just vanity.

From the Cartier exhibition we crossed the street and entered the other side

of the Castle garden where the grape harvest folkloric festival was going on with all the tasting and looking along with that. As we walked the narrow streets down from the Castle and crossed the Charles Bridge, we spotted a pottery market. Nearby we got a peek at an arm wrestling championship on the boat. From there we continued to Old Town square to see 600 square feet of flower carpet. This is a Belgian custom and about 150,000 blossoms created this captivating beauty. A few steps from there we went to see a Photo show – "Three women in Africa" that was very interesting, however the accompanying legend was kind of unfair. Why should the rest of the world which does not live in poverty be the originator of all pain and suffering in Africa? It took one on a guilt trip. We spent about 8 hours on our feet and we were really tired when we got home. However, the day was not over yet. The Opera Rigoletto by Verdi was broadcasted live on TV. It was a "golden nail" of the perfect day.

Did we miss anything that day? Yes. An afternoon opera performance in a natural setting (Pavel did not want to go since he would have to sit on pine needles – the sofa is better), an Arabian horse contest – over 80 horses from 11 countries attended by a Jordanian princess and sheik and a number of other events. This is the reason

why we love Prague so much. We do not need to drive anywhere; just good walking shoes and some endurance will do it. Prague will keep you in shape regardless of age.

Africa, Here I Come

In our last Prayer report we mentioned that our son Vit took a mission trip to Uganda and Ethiopia in July to visit different orphanages and children homes. Of course we were all excited about this event. The Lord's assurance and His blessings are just amazing. Let us share with you few events which lifted Vit's and our spirit so much.

Vit blogged: *For those who doubt God has this all figured out ahead of time, I received an email from a lady in the small group I attend asking if I've ever heard of Toys for God's Kids. Their mission is to provide handmade, sturdy, attractive, wooden toys free to God's children everywhere. In God's perfect timing he decided to have an article published this last weekend in the Denver Post. Sure enough this article ultimately made its way to me. I contacted the ministry and informed them about my upcoming trip to Uganda and Ethiopia. I arranged to meet at their workshop. I was able to learn a little about why they do this. They have made over 289,000 toys to give away. So in a matter of less than 12*

hours I had 445 toy cars. ... Departure is less than 24 hours away and I am officially over the weight limit for my baggage. I received some incredible items today. Thank you so much to everyone at St. Joseph Hospital in Denver! Your extremely kind gift of all the medication and medical supplies will go a long way. Once again God's timing is perfect ... today I had my semi-annual dental cleaning. My dentist gave me a box of toothbrushes and some toothpaste. The personal donations of hygiene and school supplies is amazing. Also to those of you that gave directly to the orphanages monetarily...Thank you! I am trying to keep my personal items to a bare minimum.

Passion play in Oberammergau

It was a great event. It can be seen each 10th year ending with zero since 1634. It was skipped only in 1780 and 1940. Over 2000 local inhabitants of the town are performing for a packed auditorium of 4700 spectators. There are 110 performances during the season. The play has two parts, each 2.5 hours long with 3-hour intermission for dinner and the opportunity to explore the town known for wood carving art. The average age of spectators was at least 65. Nothing on the stage, screen or other presentation

can replace what believers carry in their hearts. We are sorry to say that most of the people completely missed the reason why Jesus came and why He was crucified. Most of the conversation was about the artistic form of the play, beautiful music and voices. It is much commercialized.

PRAISES and PRAYER REQUESTS

- Žilina Creation Conference in Slovakia was great. We Praise the Lord that those who organized the conference are all people we somehow influenced and helped them with their ministries. How sweet was an evening with young people called together by one of the attending young women who was saved after her friend at work fed her with our magazine?
- New Bible study semester started in our apartment, since the place where we normally meet was in the process of being painted. What a group we have! This ministry is growing and we see the spiritual growth week by week.
- Please continue praying for Milan and Slovak radio ministry. We encouraged him during the conference and committed to financial help with urgent office-studio need.

- Please pray for our Pastor Daniel, he is scheduled to have the auto transplant procedure this month.
- Our daily routine, writing radio programs, articles, teaching and preaching goes on.
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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,
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in Czech Republic and Slovakia*

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