



© Ivan Steiger MMXI

To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: (1 Peter 2:4-9)



November 2011

**Dear Friends and Partners
Of the HCJB Global
Ministry to the Peoples
In Czech Republic and
Slovakia**

**<pavel.steiger@gmail.com>
<klara.steiger@gmail.com>**

END OF THE YEAR IS NEAR

It is mid-November, days are shorter and cooler, and the sun is covered by air inversion. First, Christmas greetings are trickling in as an early reminder of the season. We both are busy with writing, translating, preparing for the conference and other ministry related events. The only change of pace in our daily routine is our visitors. Just a few days ago we met Roger Stubbe from Colorado Springs who came to Prague to attend the Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty conference. This year's theme was: "What is a broadcaster's 'impact' and how can it

be measured? How should Social Media be defined, what do we know about the extent of its use, and how might it change the ways users interact with media? How are broadcasting organizations coping with stretched research budgets, etc.?"

As we shared some info about the conference Roger asked if we know David "Youles?" Since turn over in Colorado Springs is frequent and we are far away, the name did not sound familiar. After a couple of clarifying sentences we caught on – David Uhles! He is actually in charge of the greater territory we are part of. Of course we know him very well, we actually even report to him. That's the English spelling! Between ourselves we pronounce his surname phonetically, the Czech way, since we are not Stateside and missed the English pronunciation.

For a week we were hosting two young ladies from Southern California. Parents of one of them are friends of our friends in Simi Valley. In our busyness they became almost immediately a part of the family.

Speaking of pronunciation and languages, in our October electronic letter we shared our recent experiences. Here is its shortened version:

In October we attended John MacArthur's "Slave conference" in Germany. We were wondering about the conference location – to us it was far out in an unknown place. When we arrived we found out that our hosts did not

speak English and our "survival German" was no good for any conversation. Our common language was Russian and what a great time we had together! Their forefathers moved to Russia in the 18th century. Ekaterina (Russia's Empress 1729-1796) invited them to cultivate land. Stalin forced these Germans out of Russia and relocated them to the Soviet Central Asian Republics. Thus, our hosts were born in Tajikistan and later moved to Kyrgyzstan because Tajikistan was too Muslim territory with few churches and believers. The conference location was chosen because of strong Baptist influence. Lade is the place where hundreds of Russian Germans (R/G's) settled after 1986 after they were allowed to leave the former Soviet Union and be repatriated 200 years later. The church was built by new settlers almost immediately. As the community grew more, large Baptist churches in the area were established. What a difference it is to see so many Christians living in one area.

The conference itself was attended by over 700 people from 10 different countries, but mostly by R/G's. Lectures were translated from English into German or from German into English. Both languages were translated into Russian. We had a small group of people out of Czech Republic and one of them was among graduates with a master's degree from European Bible Training Center's (EBTC) study program to equip faithful men for the work

of the ministry. This seminary is associated with Master's College where John MacArthur is the president. Since we do not speak German, Klara was taking translation notes of German conference speakers. With one ear she listened to English and in the other ear to Czech translation.

From the German German's (G/G's) perspective, R/G's are seen as ethnic Russians no matter how well integrated they are. Most of R/G's families are strong believers. That itself is unusual in Germany. Germany has state churches and people used to pay church tax as Catholics or Protestants; some of them are just formal, cultural or nominal believers with hope that in their old age church run retirement places will take care of them. The state is responsible for priests and pastors salaries.

The community of R/G's is integrated into the church with strong family ties; they marry mostly among themselves. When a believer marries an unbeliever, he is expelled from the church.

After a couple of decades of their presence in Germany some G/G's wonder how come the R/G's "have and they have not". R/G's built their houses with lot of self-help from close relatives, spent their vacations with their large families in Hungary (where it used to be much cheaper). After 25 years of different lifestyles and the resulting domestic and family economy, there is a visible difference.

In Germany it is very unusual to see big families of three generations raising their children and grandchildren. Nowadays, the same segment of G/G's lives as singles or alone. Instead of raising children and grandchildren they are walking their dogs. It was so obvious to see how Godly principles are superior to manmade life styles. Hardworking strong families of believers are an asset to any country. To conclude, we were amazed that most of the books written by John MacArthur were translated and published in German language. It is obvious R/G's are spiritually ahead of G/G's.

PRAYER REQUEST

We would like to see John MacArthur's book "SLAVE: The hidden Truth about Your Identity in Christ" in the Czech language. Since our ministry is now linked together with a book publishing ministry there are just a few ties to put together. For our part of the world, the book is absolutely essential. Since most people reject any rules and regulations, we have numerous professing Christians who live as they please.

PRAISES

We have two more publications out. One audio, the other printed:

The first is a CD with the audio book by Iohannes Amos Comenius (in Czech Jan Amos Komenský). We mentioned the book in our January 2011

Newsletter. It is recorded with professional voice; and was also broadcasted on Christian Radio7. Let us remind you its characterization:

Labyrinth of the World and Paradise of Heart

by Czech Jan Amos Komenský (Iohannes Amos Comenius) was updated from 400-year old Czech into contemporary Czech language. We assisted financially in this undertaking. This nice present reached us just before Christmas.

In order to read more about Jan A. Komenský, click on the link below or copy and paste it into your browser:

<http://bit.ly/ic8VGf>

To read more about the book, click on the link below or copy and paste it into your browser:

<http://bit.ly/i2BSdj>

We strongly recommend you read the book in English. Click on the link below or copy and paste it into your browser:

<http://bit.ly/9KvSFL>

The second publication is the commentary to Ephesians. Our focus is to strengthen Christians in their biblical knowledge.

ONGOING PROJECTS

- We and our board are feverishly working on conference preparation. Registrations are trickling in almost daily.
- Klara finished Mrs. Kladensky's article for the next issue of magazine.

- Broadcasting in Slovakia is an on-going project with good responses. People are blessed by it.

WHAT HAS STRICKEN US THIS TIME

In the midst of European Union crisis, Greece, Italy and other member countries are trying to solve the general problem of our days – “how to get more loans without paying them back.” To get ahead, wise men preached – “use other people's money”. Countries accustomed to a socialist economy have a hard time understanding that “there is no free lunch”

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL OF YOU

*Pavel and Klara Steiger,
Your HCJB Global Missionaries
In Czech Republic and Slovakia*

<°))))><

You may mail your U.S.

Tax-deductible contributions to:

HCJB GLOBAL
P.O. BOX 39800
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80949-9800
U.S.A.

You may mail your Canadian

Tax-deductible contributions to:

HCJB GLOBAL
3 - 44 SALTSMAN DRIVE
CAMBRIDGE, ON N3H 4R7
CANADA

Attach to your check the following note:

FOR THE MINISTRY OF
PAVEL & KLARA STEIGER
ACC # 100-110329