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***He that loveth his life loseth it; and he
that hateth his life in this world shall
keep it unto life eternal.
(John 12:25)***

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

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New YEAR IS HERE

The magic of Christmas time in Prague became quite somber this year. A week before Christmas the former Czech President Václav Havel died at age 75. A full state funeral, the first in the history of the Czech Republic, was held on Friday, December the 23rd in Prague's St. Vitus Cathedral. Thousands of Czechs have lined the streets of Prague to watch the coffin of



the late President Václav Havel being taken to Prague castle. Up to 50 world leaders attended the funeral in Prague to pay tribute to the man who led the Velvet Revolution in 1989 and toppled the Communist regime. A dissident and political prisoner became the first President of the newly free country. Among the world dignitaries were Bill and Hillary Clinton, Madeleine Albright, David Cameron, Nicolas Sarkozy, and others. As many as 50 planes were descending that morning to Prague's airport with those who came to attend the funeral. Over 1,000 mourners gathered at the capital's main cathedral, as thousands more stood outside watching the proceedings on large screens. The Archbishop of Prague Dominik Duka, who spent some time in jail with Mr. Havel during the Communist rule, led the funeral mass. Church bells rang out across the country to mark the beginning of the funeral. Václav Havel inspired ordinary people across Central and Eastern Europe to reclaim their freedom and will be remembered for his personal bravery and example in opposition to Soviet totalitarianism. The Czech people held a spontaneous funeral procession on Wednesday December the 21st — just click:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSJuDLsrmuA>

With the death of Vaclav Havel, an important chapter of Czech history is closed. His life motto was: "The truth and love will be victorious."

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

1. Just before Christmas we received the following question:

I remember reading in your e-mails a request about Pastor Daniel. He had been ill and recovered and was able to continue his preaching ministry. I don't remember you mentioning anything further about him. I hope he is doing well. Thanks for your attention.

Richard Hyde

We apologize for a big omission on our side. Daniel is doing well. In his own words he feels much better than before his illness. He is back in full time ministry and the whole experience made him a better servant than ever. Praise the Lord for the great outcome in Daniel's life. This was true until the last checkup. After fifteen months in remission the test showed signs of relapse. Thank you for reminding us that we should write more about answered prayers.

2. Our hearts were saddened when we got word that the founder of Czech broadcasting, Georgina – born of Czech parents in Ecuador, now living in Austin, Texas has been diagnosed with Squamous cell carcinoma. She had surgery at MD Anderson hospital in Houston on Monday, Dec. 5, 2011. The pathology report indicated that the cancer had spread to a wider area than originally thought. Georgina will now receive radiation to her entire head including her forehead and neck. Georgina has always been a woman of faith in God. Georgina and her family are very close to our heart. She visited us with

her husband a few months ago. We appreciate any prayers on behalf of her and her family.

PRAISES

Looking back we can say: Last year was very good year for the ministry as well as us personally. Our supporting church in Madera sent us this message:

Our dream for 2012 is to bring ALL of our missionaries to Grace for a week of fellowship with other missionaries, meeting with various groups within the church, next October. The Mission Team at Grace Community Church commits to buying your plane tickets to get you here from the mission field. We believe this event will produce such passion and zeal for missions in our people that the cost of your flights to California will be recovered.

What a nice surprise. We hope to see some more special friends, supporters and prayer partners in Calif. and Ariz. during this trip. With your prayers and loving care we can praise Him together for:

- How He cares for us and the Czech/Slovak ministries.
- For His protection and good health He blessed us with.
- For opening new opportunities through cooperation with our young and energetic team. Now even their teen children are helping.
- For all the new unbelieving friends we added to our sphere of influence and prayers. They need to know our Lord to be saved.

A few days ago we received another great message. The programs we prepare for Slovak broadcasting will be on the air in Novi Sad, Serbia, where a large Slovak minority lives.

PRAYER REQUEST

- Georgina's recovery.
- Pastor Daniel and his battle with cancer.
- For people's hearts as they attend our January "Conference of the Battle for the Soul" in Brno.
- For a broadcasting license in Czech lands – all this requires endless patience and lots of prayers.
- For another broadcasting year ahead of us.

ONGOING BOOK PROJECT

John MacArthur's book "SLAVE: The hidden Truth about Your Identity in Christ" is facing financial challenges for translation and publishing. We are considering an in-house translation (Klara).

A SMALL TRIP TO THE WORLD THAT IS AROUND US BUT NOT IN US

Most of the news during the last year has reported the economic and financial crisis in the U.S. and Europe, high unemployment, the near collapse of the Euro or the fall of the European Union. It is so good that we do have our Lord and fully rest in Him.

However, in light of an uncertain future, we picked up a very interesting debate on Czech TV with Czech Professor Milan Zelený, who is a Professor of Management Systems at Fordham University, NY. There are some paragraphs below on this topic.

Crisis or Transformation?

Where the jobs are...

"The developed world is undergoing long-term transformation towards a "new normal" of doing business, state governance and ways of life. Crisis is just a par-

allel, accompanying phenomenon, subject to different causes, rules and dynamics. While many changes in market systems are cyclical, there are also evolutionary changes which are unidirectional, i.e. transformational. For example, the transformation of the US economy from agricultural to industrial was not a crisis, although there were many crises along the way. Even the Great Depression of the 1930s was not just a crisis, but a long-term transformation from the pre-war industrial economy to the post-war service economy in the U.S. However, since the early 1980s, the service sector has started slowing down its employment absorption and growth potential, ultimately leading to the jobless economy of 2011. No comparisons with the 1930s are useful: one can compare recessions but not transformations. The industrial economy and a post-service economy are two different "animals". Now comes a new transformation. The question is: what comes after the service economy? A new sector has emerged: GWU (government, welfare and unemployment), based on tax-financed consumption rather than added value production, sheltered from market forces. Can jobs be created in the GWU sector? Essentially, yes. But because this sector is the first fully taxation-based sector, the three productive sectors have to remain able to finance a growing GWU sector. That is not self-sustainable. Under the conditions there is no amount of artificial job creation ("roads and bridges"), stimulus or quantitative easing which could create self-sustained net job growth in agriculture, industry or services (80% service workforce was the peak). The reason is simple: there are only four essential things humans can do economically:

1. Produce food
2. Manufacture things
3. Provide services
4. "Do nothing" (GWU)

The US economy has exhausted (from an employment viewpoint) all three productive sectors and has reached nearly 17% in GWU. The same is true for the EU and Japan. Their attempts to "grow" employment in GWU have led to heavy overall indebtedness in advanced regions, characterized by growing budget cuts and social unrest. What about debt reduction, balanced budgets and GWU employment reduction?

An integral part of the ongoing transformation is relocalization, a return to the original slogan of "Think globally, act locally," which we interpret as exploiting global information and knowledge in a local action under local conditions and contexts. Local services, local production and local agriculture, based on distributed energy generation, additive manufacturing and vertical farming, are enhancing individual, community and regional autonomy through self-service, disintermediation and mass customization. Both requisite technologies and business models necessary for relocalization are already part of our daily business and life experience.

Sources: Human Systems Management, World Scientific, 2005 (2008).

Read the entire article. It's worth:

http://www.milanzeleny.com/?show=new_visions

We have to admit that from time to time we follow current world political economic commotion. Who doesn't in these days? However, we must never remove our sight from our Savior Lord Jesus Christ. The world will stand firm till His second advent, and secularly speaking, it will do "well":

And as it came to pass in the days of Noah, even so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

Likewise even as it came to pass in the days of Lot; they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they build-ed; but in the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all: after the same manner shall it be in the day that the Son of man is revealed. (Luke 17:26-30)

So, let's not worry, about our wellbeing and preach the Word to the lost world!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND
HIS BLESSINGS TO ALL OF YOU**

Thank you for reading, listening, praying and helping to carry His command with us.

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