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You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
(2 Timothy 3:14-17)

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

Summer vacation time and Church summer camps are over and the fall is knocking on the door. Let us share a few ministry highlights and past events:

Geoff Volker from Phoenix is one of our most treasured visitors coming to see us each time he ministers to pastors in Belarus and Romania. We admire his teaching endurance and the church sending commitment for this part of the world.



As we mentioned previously, we took Geoff to Herrnhut and Klara's birthplace. First we asked if he was interested in seeing those places or if he'd rather rest after his ministry. He replied, "With you I would go even to Target." The most interesting adventure this time was crossing the borders from Czech Republic to Germany and Poland, all in radius of 6 miles. Klara wanted to see the large open pit machines in operation. So we ventured into the Polish appendage that is wedged into Germany and Poland. Those who are more interested just click:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bogatynia>

Right in Bogatynia there is a humongous open pit coal mine. Not too far from it is a large power plant. This part of the world looks like land forgotten by God, despite being situated just 10 miles from Herrnhut. The consequences of WWII still smell there. In the past it was a German territory and Bogatynia was called Reichenau. After WWII all the territory east of the Oder and Neisse rivers became Poland. Again, just click:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oder-Neisse_line

You will see how Poland was shifted westward. The Soviet Union usurped half of the entire Polish territory in the east which was occupied since Poland was divided between Hitler and Stalin in 1939. You can see it:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Territorial_changes_of_Poland_immediately_after_World_War_II

WESLEY AND MORAVIAN BRETHREN

In our July News and Prayer Letter we had a rather extensive treatise concerning the Moravian Brethren's Church and its zeal for missions. We received a very positive feedback from a few of you. Let us therefore continue in this line.

Wesley's first encounter with the members of the Moravian Brethren occurred during his voyage to Georgia in the American colonies in the fall and winter of 1735-1736. Wesley was amazed by the display of peace and the level of faith these Moravians possessed. During times of great distress and rough seas on the voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, while Wesley and many of the other passengers on board were greatly shaken, the Moravians seemed unafraid.

"In the midst of the psalm wherewith their service began, the sea broke over, split the main-sail in pieces, covered the ship, and poured in between the decks, as if the great deep had already swallowed us up. A terrible screaming began among the English. The Germans calmly sung on. I asked one of them afterwards, 'Was you not afraid?' He answered, 'I thank God, no.' I asked, 'But were not your women and children afraid?' He replied, mildly, 'No; our women and children are not afraid to die.'

"From them I went to their crying, trembling neighbors, and pointed out to them the difference in the hour of trial, between him that feareth God, and him that feareth him not. At twelve the wind fell. This was the most glorious day which I have hitherto seen."

There is little doubt that Wesley was impressed by what he saw in the behavior of the Moravians, including their children. His further interactions with the Brethren and one of their members, Peter Bohler, encouraged Wesley to seek out more about them and the depth of faith in Christ he saw in them.

Wesley eventually returned to England from Georgia in 1738. Upon his return to the European continent, he made an effort to continue his correspondence with the Moravians and Peter Bohler. Finally, in hope of learning more from "those holy men who were themselves living witnesses of the full power of faith..." Wesley travelled to Herrnhut in July of 1738. There Bohler greeted him and introduced him to the leader of the Moravians, Count Nicholas Von Zinzendorf.

ON THE WAY TO SLOVAKIA

We made several stops to visit friends and coworkers. The Roberts family has been ministering in the Czech Republic for 9 years. They have four children and since the beginning it has been difficult to find a place big enough for the family to live. For the last few years they have been ministering in an area which was badly hit by floods. They started to look for a house. To find one away from the flood zone was not easy. This was the first part of the problem. The next problem, in the case of missionaries, is how to finance the purchase of a place to live in. During their last home ministry, someone asked Roberts if US \$10,000 is enough for a house? Well prices here are quite comparable with the U.S. This amount would not even cover a down payment. Here and there the Roberts had been getting some contributions toward the house purchase. However, there was no suitable house available. When the right place came on the market, God provided a no-interest loan for down payment from one of their supporting churches and a local bank loan.

The Roberts shared with us another similar and unexpected event which took place in Target's Toy department. There he bumped into a man he met at one of the church fishing trips. He asked how the book publishing project was coming and Lance had no news for him. At that time they had about US\$ 300

toward publishing. The man asked how much is needed. Lance answered \$6,800 and man told to his wife to write the check for that amount. This is how faith works: The Gospel According the Apostles. Jarda, our chief magazine editor and his wife were responsible for language recommendations.

We decided to overnight in Luhacovice – the place our ministry started in 1992. We arrived at 6 pm and it was difficult to find a place. We saw many “rooms available” signs with phone numbers to call. However, when we called we were told that they close at 5 pm. We drove around and called and called. Finally, by the railroad station we got a room. The lady told us how lucky we were because she is normally by this time gone. The third visit under way was the next day in Slovakia where we met secular friends, mostly teaching in Slovak universities.

CREATION CONFERENCE IN ŽILINA, SLOVAKIA

The conference was smaller than we expected this time. This was partly due to the fact that two weeks before the conference one of the key men in charge fell from a ladder and suffered a back injury. The main conference speaker this time was Philip Bell from Creation Ministries in the United Kingdom. We had six 105-minute-long lectures dealing mainly with Creation and Evolution issues. What a blessing. The last lecture, rather a sermon: “Theistic Evolution and Resurrection” by Jan Sichula, was one of the best presentations we have ever heard world-wide. We have known Jan since 1994 when he graduated from college. Now he shows great silver-hair wisdom. He is pastor of an independent church in Bratislava, the capitol of Slovakia.

Each time we venture outside of our church circles we are amazed how many people know our ministry and who are blessed by it. Jan spoke at our last confer-

ence in Brno and this year another brother from Slovak circles will be our guest speaker. We are praising God that this circle of cooperating churches is reaching both countries Czech and Slovak Republics.

To say the truth, systematic teaching is one of the most worthy ministries in Eastern Europe for pastors and lay leaders. Christians here are not used to studying much on their own and it is one of the reasons why attendance at special events is sometimes so low. Speakers who have US audiences in thousands may only have the attention of tens of people here. As far as it goes for teaching ministries we run into same core of people we started years ago.

A FEW MORE EVENTS HOW GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS

We have joyful news to share. Just before we left for our travels, a message came about Georgina (founder of Czech broadcasting from Quito in Ecuador) and her cancer situation. Written Aug 29, 2012 12:10am.

I just got off the phone with Georgina. They were talking to the nurses and doctors about her prognosis. It was looking bleak – more radiation was not possible because of extensive damage, chemotherapy has not proven effective for this type of cancer, not sure what the course of action might be.

Then in walked someone with the pathology report. NO CANCER in the bone or the dura! And the tumor was benign! Georgina is cancer free!!

Georgina was in tears – so happy and so grateful for answered prayers! Thanks to all of you on Georgina and her family's behalf! I'm sure she'll be delighted to hear from all of you!

Well Georgina has a long road to recovery following her surgeries, but we had tears in our eyes. With many praying people who know Georgina we are praising Lord for answered prayers.

OUR CONCERNS

- *Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?*
- We are quite concerned for state of the church.
- Theistic evolution is considered a fact for a large portion of Czech Christians.
- Some conservative denominations are giving in for homosexual marriages.
- 42 % Czechs agrees that homosexual couples might adopt children.
- Who was not in favor of the Gay Pride parade was marked as an intolerant radical.
- The government is again postponing law about Church property confiscated during the communist era. The general population is against restitution. Now even the Church is split because of this issue.

PRAYER REQUEST

- Translation progress on "MacArthur's Slave" is rather slow. It's more than a prayer matter. This is not easy translation and the topic is quite heavy for the local Christian community. It looks that translators and editors are "scared" by it. To translate John MacArthur's book is not an easy task. Many short English established expressions (like Lordship) which are repeated in the text often, are not used here. To explain the term is wordy.
- We calculated how much money will be needed for the text translation and book publishing. We are talking about \$ 4500. We talked about it with Lance and we might consider a publishing partnership, or??? Since we all are so busy, we need spark.
- Instead of a small appreciation retreat we are now planning another ministry meeting in September in Usti.
- Preparation for January Biblical conference in Brno is underway. Please pray for the speakers and those who will at-

tend. As we saw at the Creation conference „the battle for souls“ is real. We pray that we will have as good attendance as last year.

- Please pray for our pastor and his battle with cancer. He had strong reaction to chemotherapy and was hospitalized. After a few days he stabilized, but he is very weak.
- Our upcoming Home ministry: We will be at a Mission conference in Madera, CA. In mid-October we will drive down south through California to Arizona. We will try to visit as many churches, ministry partners and friends along the way as possible. If you would like to contact us, use our regular e-mail address.
- Good deal on car rental.

With love and grateful hearts,
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