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***And he will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one. And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 10:34; 11:1,2)***

**May – June 2013  
Dear Friends and Partners  
of the HCJB Global  
Ministry to the Peoples  
in Czech Republic and Slovakia**

### **BACK TO NORMAL**

On May the 14<sup>th</sup> the Steiger's family days came to the end. The children's short stop in Switzerland made their goodbye much easier. Lenka, our daughter-in-law, wrote in her blog the following:

"On our way back home we had a layover in Zurich, Switzerland. We landed early so we made a day of it in the city (the airport is only 10 minutes train ride to downtown Zurich). We have been looking forward to this



adventure since we booked the tickets for our Europe trip.

We were blessed last week with a beautiful sunny day and after purchasing our Zurich passes and getting into the city we headed to the lake for a boat ride. We were rewarded with a view of Alps. I believe we were all impressed with their size. ... By the way on this trip I realized that our boys can already travel on their own. I knew before they are fine at the airport (where everything is in English among other languages). They figured out everything in Zurich on their own. It didn't bother them that everything was in Standard German, Zurich German (*Züritütsch*) and Swiss German. They took a map and on their own found out what train, then what tram and what direction to go and what time the boat was leaving. They did way better than I did at the Zürich Hauptbahnhof with its 60 platforms. I kind of took their word for it where to go and we made it to the airport without any mistakes. Way to go boys!"

If you want to see more of our children's European family adventures, here is the link:  
<http://www.thesteigerclan.com/>

After three weeks filled with activities it was all suddenly quiet in our flat. We were ready to get back to our computers and to our daily routine. It took a week to place our apartment and arrange our sleeping back together.

## VISITORS

This time of the year is time for visitors arriving from all parts of the world.

(1) First we met, after 25 years, Pavel's college mate "Prince Horachek" from Calgary, Canada. It took us just a few minutes to reconnect. (2) At a Book Fair in Prague Klara ran into dear friends from Binghamton, NY. Our beloved friend and his wife Priscilla, Otta Ulč, former professor at Binghamton University is among regular visitors to Prague. (3) It was nice to see again the Dworaks, former HCJB missionaries for this region. (4) Our longtime friends from Santa Rosa Church Brad and Erika Benson stopped in Prague. We were happy that someone from our supporting churches "checked" on us. Our time together was wonderful. Those who visited us previously know that Pavel's guided walk through Prague can be too looooong. (5) This Friday we will catch up with another friend at least at the airport. Our calendar from now till fall is marked by the names of friends and friends of friends who will stay with us. No wonder that our time here goes so fast.

## RETURNS AND RETREATS

The two of us went separate ways.

Pavel, Jarda and Jan drove to our beloved Northern Moravia territory where we have ministered many times in the past. The topic of the conference was "Bible Under Flak". Pavel met with so many dear friends from the past and we are happy to report that our team was received with great joy and love. We are proud that our generation of servants raised new servants who continue where we all labored together. Yes, there are spiritual children and grandchildren. The Lord is faithful and blesses this Godly part of the country.

Klara attended the first Ladies retreat in our church (in 12 years). It was organized by young mothers and they did an outstanding

job. Most important was that it was a multi-generational event.

During the opening evening our Pastor Daniel took us again back to the Moravian Brethren era. We watched a documentary about the history and beginnings of the mission. Of particular interest was the segment about church leaders' wives. The mission outreach of the Moravian brethren can be an inspiration to any mission organization and individuals. Their motto: "In Nonessentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love."

The Protestant group known as Moravians originated in the 15<sup>th</sup> century in Bohemia and Moravia (both in present-day Czech Republic) as the Unitas Fratrum, which means "Unity of Brethren." Members of the Unitas Fratrum followed the teachings of the Bohemian reformer, Jan Hus (John Huss). They took the name "Moravians" in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century as a reference to the group's place of origin. The Moravians were some of the earliest Protestants, rebelling against the authority of Rome some fifty years before [Martin Luther](#).

One unusual and (for its time) shocking belief was the group's eventual focus on universal education. By the middle of the 16<sup>th</sup> century as many as 90% of the inhabitants of the [Czech lands](#) were [Protestant](#). The majority of nobility was Protestant, the schools and printing-shops established by the Moravian Church were flourishing. Very often the Brethren were protected by local nobles who joined their ranks to assert their independence from [Habsburg](#) Vienna. By the middle of the 16<sup>th</sup> century there was not a single town without a Protestant school in the Czech lands, and many had more than one, mostly with two to six teachers each.

Moravians were among the many religious groups that migrated to colonial America in search of social and economic opportunity and the chance to spread their religious beliefs.

On Christmas Eve in 1741, David Nitschmann and Count Nicolaus von Zinzendorf, leading a small group of Moravians, founded the mission community of Bethlehem along the banks of the Monocacy Creek by the Lehigh River in the colony of Pennsylvania. They named the settlement after the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of Jesus. The colony was known for its rich natural resources and its extraordinary tolerance of religious ideas. Pennsylvania became host to a heterogeneous population of many ethnic groups who spoke different languages and had different social and religious practices. By the 1750's, several hundred Moravians lived in Bethlehem. Members of the Moravian community purchased a 500 acre tract of land north of Philadelphia in 1741. There, along the Lehigh River, they organized and built the communal society of Bethlehem, which became the base location for all Moravian missionary activity in North America. Eventually they established 32 mission towns among them Nazareth, Lititz, Lebanon, Hope and Emaus. Bethlehem, however, remained the seat of the Moravian community as well as the industrial center.

The American Moravian Church sponsors [Moravian College](#) and Seminary, recognized as the sixth-oldest institution of higher education in the United States. (Gathered from different web pages resources)

More interesting information is at:

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/391899/Moravian-church>

Also, the publication: **Zinzendorf's Pennsylvania Journey** is available. Count Zinzendorf speaks once again in this collection of sermons preached during his sojourn in Pennsylvania in the 1740's. These sermons, translated by Craig Atwood and Julie Tomberlin Weber, will touch your heart as they did those who heard them more than 250 years ago.

## REJOICE WITH US

Ahead of us is a conference in Kroměříž where again we will be together with old friends in the ministry. Numerous summer camps, travel here and there, ... What a joy that we are linked to so many ministries.

We got a report from Milan in Slovakia about the Internet Radio Logos:

[www.radiologos.sk](http://www.radiologos.sk).

*The first month of broadcasting we had 1500 visits. In the last two weeks of broadcasting:*

1. Slovakia, 220 listeners, 27,000 minutes
2. Serbia, 45 listeners, 6,800 minutes
3. Czech rep., 50 listeners, 1,700 minutes
4. Canada, 15 listeners, 900 minutes

Milan created an application for cell phone listening; broadcasting can also be listened to over portable internet radio. He is implementing all modern technical avenues to bring Good News to as many homes as possible. He is a great encouragement and example of a faithful servant to all of us. We continue to translate messages from Pastor Steve Cole from Flagstaff, AZ. It is a joy and privilege to be part of His team.

## OPENING AND CLOSING DOORS

Many of faithful friends and supporters of HCJB Global visited ministries in Ecuador in the past. Actually that was the time we first met many of you, our prayer partners and faithful supporters. Our memories are unforgettable however, times and opportunities are changing.

Each time when we meet with you we are asked about the situation in Quito. This is the latest communication we have. Our dear friends and pillars of HCJB Global, Darlene and Doug Peters, described the situation after an earlier official announcement as follows:

*For more than six decades HCJB Global has been involved with healthcare in Quito, Ecuador's capital. The mission operated a small "Indian clinic" beginning in 1950 with*

*the clinic leading to the founding of Hospital Vozandes Quito (HVQ) in 1955. In recent years the medical landscape in Quito has radically changed. Quality healthcare is now accessible to more and more of Quito's two million residents. At the same time, it has been increasingly difficult to operate a hospital amid the current and upcoming regulations/legal issues. After prayerful consideration, our board of trustees has decided now is the time to begin searching for a new owner to run HVQ. This is a strategic ministry decision that will enable us to touch more lives around the world. After the sale, any remaining proceeds will help expand our healthcare ministries by establishing mobile clinics, training medical workers, installing clean water wells and teaching hygiene. We are encouraged as we see the many opportunities the Lord is giving HCJB Global as we serve with global partners as the Voice and Hands of Jesus. Pray for mission leadership in the Latin America Region as they seek a potential buyer. Pray that God would bring Christ-centered owners to lead HVQ into the future.*

*Praise God for the lives that have been physically helped and spiritually changed because of the ministry of HVQ. Praise God for the donors and staff of Hospital Vozandes Quito HVQ over the the past six decades.*

#### **PRAISE AND PRAYER NEEDS**

- Praises for family time and reunions with ministry partners and friends.
- Another book by J. A. Comenius, educator of nations, about pastoral ministry was published in contemporary language. This is another milestone for our team.
- Please pray for our pastoral search. Finally we have a candidate. The general feeling is that his preaching abilities are good. The question remains about his ability to cope with the diversity of believ-

ers. We missed his first Sunday message since we were with the whole family in Us-ti where our ministry partners are located.

- Pavel is finishing two of his books. That is his main ministry now. With all the other activities, it seems that his writing project is a "mission impossible." However, he is moving forward. Gentle pressure from our chief editor and publisher is helping.
- The rest of the team is going full speed ahead toward our summer schedule of Christian activities and outreach.
- We count our blessings and pray for our country. The spirit of Moravian brethren is alive in Northern Moravia and we pray that the spark in the hearts of many will become light for those living in darkness.

**Thanks for your participation  
in our life and ministry.**

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