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***And suppose that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation, even as our beloved brother Paul according to the wisdom given unto him wrote to you, As one, that in all his Epistles speaketh of these things: among the which some things are hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable, pervert, as they do also other Scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware, lest ye be also plucked away with the error of the wicked, and fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: to him be glory both now and for evermore. Amen.
(2 Peter 3:15-18)***



October 2013

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

FALL IS HERE

As we are entering the last quarter of this year we are enjoying sunny and colorful days. The turn of the season is creeping in. Pumpkins are the first reminder that Christmas is practically around the corner.

Since our last letter we experienced an unwelcomed excitement. Our September Electronic Newsletter, though written on time, has been delayed due to the hacking of our Gmail in mid-September. After a slightly complicated repossession of our Gmail account, we were able to retrieve all our addresses. However, all mail was gone.

We apologize for any inconvenience the hacker caused to you. We appreciate your concern for our safety.

Whenever you receive a suspicious email, find out whether your email browser has the capability to report phishing. Usually the menu referring to the email that lists Reply, Forward, De-

lete etc., will often contain "Report Phishing."

Common sense advice: it is safer to be a few days or weeks without internet access than to assume that signing into Internet Hotspots at public places is safe. We added some additional safety measures however nothing is 100% hacker or phishing proof.

OUR CHURCH

We resumed another season of our regular Bible study. Our new pastor is temporarily preaching twice a month. He will move in and begin his full time pastorate ministry on January 1, 2014. We like his preaching/teaching, however we are not sure that the congregation will become accustomed to and appreciate his theological depth.

Recently we got hands on a small brochure which was published on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Brethren Church. The church we have been attending is the plant of this first one. Next year (2014) this denomination will celebrate its 120th anniversary.

On November 1, 1872 three missionaries sent by the Boston Mission Board arrived and planted six Reformed churches in Prague. Among those who came were Edwin A. Adams, and Dr. A.W. Clark. Adams served in Prague for ten years. The Free Reformed Church was established in June 1880. Church members ministered mostly among needy people and started home services. As the number of attending people grew, neighbors, police and local authorities started to pay attention to what was going on. They experienced some hostility

and persecution. Later on they rented a large apartment with windows toward the back tract (in order to not attract attention from the street). Soon they had three Sunday services. Now we understand why a number of protestant churches today still have their buildings hidden in the back tract of the properties.

From 1894 till 1917 the Church already had two full time pastors / preachers. After 1918, the Czech Reformed and Lutheran Church joined together and renamed the denomination the Unity of Czech Brethren. After World War II, the Unity of Czech Brethren was joined by congregations in Silesia (Northern Moravia) and Slovakia whose members spoke Polish and Slovak. The name was therefore changed once again, omitting the word "Czech," to The Brethren Church.

Our former pastor Daniel Heczko, who is ethnically Polish, became pastor of this church in 1987 and in 1989 started the church plant we are presently attending. Daniel's ministry ended after 18 years. For several years he battles serious health issues. After repeated chemo and the 2nd bone marrow transplant he was retired. At the present time he is doing quite well and devotes his time to writing. While in the pastoral role, he became our great personal friend and mentor.

Almost every weekend we have ministry related activity. We attend different conferences and visit unsaved friends.

BROADCASTING IN SLOVAKIA

Milan Hudec and his wife recently visited us in Prague. It was a joy to interact personally. Milan is now retired and devotes all his time to Radio Logos.



Klara continues to translate the Sunday messages of Pastor Steve Cole for Czech and Slovak radio programs.

UNWELCOMED U.S. EMBASSY'S SPONSORSHIP

The U.S. Embassy was one of the main sponsors of the annual Gay Pride Day Parade event in Prague. Sad to say, the U.S. Ambassador marched in the parade as you could see in our e-report. The U.S. Embassy was decorated in rainbow colors.

"Those who adhere to family values are labeled as radicals, conservative nationalists, a homophobic alliance of cowardly opportunists in need of deep cultural transformation."

The author of this name calling is a PhD candidate in the history department of Washington University in St. Louis, writing on modern Czech history. He has lived on and off in the Czech Republic for the past 11 years.

Homosexuality has been spreading all around the globe. Parents who oppose this agenda can lose custody of

their children. In Nordic countries children are removed from traditional families and placed into foster homes.

Homosexual activists are sent throughout the western world and especially the third world to promote comprehensive sex education:

<http://www.standforfamiliesworldwide.org/sffww/targeting-children/>

Several organizations around the world created a coalition:

<http://www.standforfamiliesworldwide.org/sffww/about-us/>

PUBLISHING

"Leading Little Ones to God" by Marian M. Scholland was published by our Pilgrim's Reading, Publishing House. Please pray that 2,500 copies will bring blessings to families and their children.

Pavel finished a manuscript of a book: "I Will Not Give My Glory to Another." It is now under the scrutiny of our three theologians and editors. We pray that publishing comes together by the end of the year and before our January 2014 winter conference.

PRAISE AND PRAYER NEEDS

- October started with Klara's birthday. We praise the Lord for good health, strength and joy for being useful in the ministry. We drove to the place of her birth and met with one of her classmates. Sad to say again, there are no believers among those we have known since our childhood.

- Pray for our board's quarterly meeting and preparation and coordination of the winter conference. Also pray the book accompanying the conference will be translated and ready for printing. This time we are going to rent a larger space since we outgrew the previous one. However, the cost is three-times higher than in previous years. Please keep praying for attendance, speakers and those who plan to attend.
- We plan to add to our board another person. Julie Petrecká is an ideal candidate. She is faithfully translating English articles from various spiritual publications that we publish in our magazine "Battle for the Soul." She has also translated a few books that we published in our Publishing House The Pilgrim's Reading.
- Jaroslav needs reliable car for the ministry. Our present Toyota Verso is in perfect condition and has a very low mileage. We are considering donating this car for the ministry use and looking for another one for us.
- Election days in Czech Republic are set for October 25th and 26th. Please pray that our sovereign Lord will, in accord with Daniel 2:21:

And he changeth the times and the seasons; he removeth kings, and setteth up kings; he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that have understanding,

set up such a parliament and government that will check and balance new president, who took power in March of this year. He is a very smart man and a socialist chain-smoking alcoholic with a very strong personality and poor health. He created enough havoc that, thanks to him, the country now has a decreed government instead of an elected one. The left-wing governmental overtures are once again very high. Many are expecting that government can take care of them from cradle to grave, as it used to be during the communist era.

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

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