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***For the LORD knoweth the way of the
righteous: but the way of the ungodly
shall perish. (Psalms 1:6)***

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**Dear Friends and Partners
of the Reach Beyond
Ministry to the Peoples
in Czech Republic and Slovakia**

In our last Prayer letter we mentioned that HCJB Global will announce soon a new name. Now it is official. Our Mission Board has decided to change the mission name from "HCJB Global" to "Reach Beyond." HCJB Voice of Andes, HCJB World Radio, HCJB Global was synonymous with the ministry in Latin America and for all international ministries we had to explain in many words what the name of HCJB stands for.

- The mission is defined by the tagline, "The Voice and Hands of Jesus. Together." Through its "voice" ministries,



the mission works with partners to use radio and modern media to make the Gospel accessible in places where it typically isn't available.

- The "hands" ministries of the mission provide much-needed healthcare service in places where even common medical help isn't readily available. Reach Beyond "hands" ministries takes many forms, including mobile community healthcare clinics, counseling centers in war torn areas, clean water projects, and general hygiene training, all with an emphasis on demonstrating the love of Jesus to recipients of the care.
- Reach Beyond also values partnership with local Christians, churches, and ministry partners as its core way of operating, signified by the word "together" in its tagline.

What does it mean for prayer partners and supporters? Let us reprint for you the instructions we received from our Mission Board for our partners and supporters:

If you have donors set up with recurring gifts, please let them know their bank statements/credit card statements will now say Reach Beyond. They do not need to change anything, things will continue as normal. We just would like to avoid them

being alarmed and possibly stopping their payment because they are not aware of the name change. Checks and Bill Pay payments should now be made payable to Reach Beyond. The bank will continue to accept payment to HCJB Global, but we would like to encourage the name change. Work is continuing on some other very cool features for our donors on our new website reachbeyond.org.

For our recurring credit card donors, they will be able to register on the new website with their existing email address we have on file. (We will be sending out an email informing them of this). Others may log in with an email (see log-in screen shot below) and a password they create. The advantages of creating a log-in is they can view their recurring and online gifts as well as manage their account by making changes or updates to their payment method or gift details under My Giving (see 2nd screen shot below). If your donors have questions, they can contact Beth Tanksley 800-545-9394 or

donor_info@reachbeyond.org.

For those of you who are supporting us, nothing is changing. Address and account number are the same. Whenever you get any mail from "Reach Beyond" it is not soliciting but it pertains to us, Pavel and Klara Steiger. It may take a time to get used to new name—even for us.

QUICK OVERVIEW

This January it was the 25th anniversary since we started publishing our magazine "The Battle for the Soul." To tell the truth, we look back and marvel how faithful He is in providing everything needed for this ministry. From time to time we call the fruits of our labor a "mini-revival" as we are receiving email messages from thankful readers

who find the magazine a great source of teaching and information. By now we have over 3,000 texts and audios accessible through Internet. On average we upload an article, brochure, book or audio file every third day. We are so thankful for our young co-workers who are taking our load onto their shoulders. They are and will carry on the ministry we started.

The culmination of our January activities was our 5th Reformation Conference in Brno. Before we report the most important highlights, let us start with the news we already communicated with some of you by email.

MORE NAMES CHANGING

New Czech legislation implemented new regulations for all nonprofit organizations to comply with new administrative registrations. Our "Citizen Assembly" has to be renamed to an "Association." What an administrative nightmare. Let's turn the page to more exciting parts of our letter.

THE CONFERENCE PRAISES

We had close to 300 attending people from the westernmost part of Czech Republic to the easternmost part of Slovakia. We were happy to welcome a few US visitors as well as a number of new participants. The new conference location worked out great. The building is a former priestly seminar. From 1943 through April 1945 during the WWII it was used by the Nazis as a concentration sub-camp. The Jewish prisoners from there were transported to death camps in Auschwitz-Birkenau. After the end of the WWII the building was used for a while as a Russian military hospital. It was nationalized (confiscated by the government) in 1949. Then it became a Communist Military Academy.

After the fall of communism in 1989, starting in 1990/91, the building became a high school operated by the diocese of the Catholic Bishop. In addition to education, the place serves mostly for Christian activities, conferences. Radio Proglas and TV Noe (Noah) is located right there.

Several people commented how smooth everything ran. A number of attending people volunteered without asking as they saw arising needs. All attending people received a special package containing a book we specially published in Czech for the conference (Arthur W. Pink – Gleanings in the Godhead), a sample lecture for the children's ministry, a conference outline, song-book, a catalogue of the Pilgrims Publishing House we are associated with, a magazine "The Battle for the Soul," a pen with our logo, small refreshments and a survey questionnaire. Lots of sharing went on during breaks and some serious concerns for the spiritual health of some local churches were expressed. We feel privileged to stand together for the uncompromised Truth of God. All six speakers presented challenging messages and all are now accessible on the web pages in audio as well as video presentations.

THE CONFERENCE EVALUATION

At our February debriefing meeting we carefully examined the survey outcome and discussed some suggestions for the next conference. The theme for the 6th Winter Conference is "Why We Can Trust the Bible." The 2015 conference book we would like to publish is again by Arthur W. Pink.

A great encouragement came from a pastor who used to be the head of an evangelical denomination. His deceased father was one of the most influential and

respected pastors and leaders in the country. Two of his sons are also pastors. It is very painful to see someone with background like this who left the denomination which he devoted his whole life to. This is an example that not all is well with the local church. He expressed his deep appreciation for the ministry we founded here in spite of all difficulties.

The Children's Program was well appreciated by parents and children. A number of people expressed their desire to attend next year with the whole family.

The expenses for the conference were almost covered by the collection.

Let us share a letter from an attending Slovak sister to one of the speakers:

Greeting to you Jany, allow me to express gratitude that I was able to attend conference in Brno. My personal gratitude belongs to God and now I want to express the same to you. I want you to know that it was for me a most blessed time!!! I was most challenged by the message given by Radek and the last one by Jarda. They were excellent! I can hardly wait until I can revisit them on the web pages. Last but not least, I did not expect so much loving care and attention. The organizers of the conference provided us with plentiful refreshment during the coffee breaks, wonderful lunch, conference book, conference outline, reading materials ... the conference was full of loving care. God and this conference has awakened something else in me. The messages were so inspiring, I regained my "first love," and again have the desire to learn more and know His word, His holiness and greatness. What a JOY. I pray that nothing will dim this awakening. Please, keep me in your prayers. Thanks for the ride. Good night. Natali

Another recent message came from Milan, our Slovak Radio producer

Dear Klara,

Thank you for another batch of translated programs for our broadcasting. Reconstruction of our studio takes a bit more time and energy. It must be completed before we can continue recording new programs. Thank you for the article "Glance over 25 years of the magazine The Battle for the Soul." I was really touched as I read it with one breath. I am short of words to express my appreciation for the evaluation of my part in the media ministry. Local people are stopping me and with amazement comment about those achievements. A number of them had no idea how far reaching this ministry is. I was surprised how many people around me read the magazine. I trust that this retrospective will inspire others for personal interest and involvement in the ministry as we labor on together. It is incomprehensible to me how the Lord brought us together and united us in spreading the Gospel. Blessings and His protection to you, and all ministry servants under your leadership.

*In His love,
Milan*

ANSWERED PRAYERS

- Last time we shared with you a prayer item on behalf of Maja who was admitted to Open Gate Academy for the most talented students of the country. The Lord opened the gate and she got a scholarship which almost covers her tuition. Praise the Lord.
- Pavel's book is still in progress. It is one thing to write a book, but it takes

much longer to proofread, edit, cross reference, organize quotations, etc. Its title is "I Will Not Give My Glory to Another" (Isaiah 48:10-12). Often we have to devote our time to other responsibilities.

- Most of all we thank the Lord for the zeal and dedication of our ministry partners.
- Last but not least, without His blessings and your faithfulness our life would be different. With your help we can REACH BEYOND and be "The Voice and Hands of Jesus. Together." Thank you.

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

***In Czech Republic and Slovakia
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