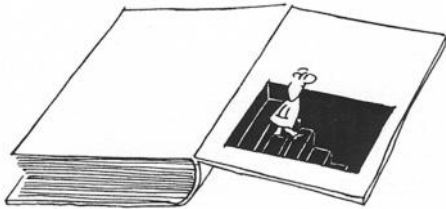


Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. (Hebrews 10:22)



For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. (Hebrews 10:26,27)

December 2014

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

HOLIDAY SEASON IS NEAR

Christmas music, carols, decorated Christmas trees with millions of lights, decorated public plazas. Mangers and nativities, Christmas markets are bustling with people. The season has started. The first Christmas greetings arrived already in



THE VOICE AND HANDS OF JESUS.
TOGETHER.

November. Thank you to all who remember us with love and prayers.

We are enjoying the season and opportunity to be with friends who we have not seen for a while or to meet for the first time. This year we are going to have a full house for Christmas celebration. Finally, Klara will have reason to decorate and display her collection of Christmas ornaments. Our daughter-in-law's brother will marry on August 21, 2015. His fiancée and her parents will arrive from Spokane, WA to Prague. Christmas dinner for eight will be in our home.

OUR CALENDAR IS FILLING IN

Pavel always has a daily calendar for the whole year on the wall. Several 2015 events and visitors are already written in.

SPIRITUAL ATTACKS

Some of you were asking how you can pray for us specifically. In the past we could really feel your prayers as we were surrounded by His protective hand and guardian angels. The atmosphere is changing and we face some disturbing events. We hear more and more voices through public media and different forums about the absence of spiritual values and

the loss of ideals. With a mostly secular, atheistic and socialist humanist philosophy, religious personalities, politicians, economists, philosophers and the medical community are examples of how post-communist countries and Western Europe has lost orientation and direction. Society without a spiritual dimension and moral ideals is slipping toward rampant depressions, mental break downs, a hopeless existence, loss of physical and mental health and violence. Doctors are sending their patients to psychologists and psychiatrists after medical wisdom comes to a dead end. The psychotherapy has no answers either.

On the top of the general dissatisfaction of society and the spiritual weakness and disorientation of the general public the local church (including ours) is marching with the world. An inevitable return to the arms of the Catholic Church is evident through numerous ecumenical activities. A recent speech by Pope Francis to the Euro Union parliament in Strasbourg was welcomed almost unanimously by all the bureaucrats responsible for numerous frustrations which people as well as churches experience. He is the most popular and acceptable pope activist we have had recently. His speech had nothing to do with God and the answers in Christ. It was mainly focused on Christian unity and solidarity, the environment, human ecology, traditional family values, unemployed youth, the poor living conditions of the elderly and human responsibility. His appeals sound more like the speech of a political leader. The content of the speech is in line with any presidential candidate. They have one goal in common and that is the united focus on men and not on God. We know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God! Now after his visit to Turkey he is calling

for Christian and Muslim unity. No wonder that some spiritually starved young people, men and women may end up converting to radical Islamists willing to become martyrs.

Recently we were asked by one pastor why we are so focused on the Glory and Sovereignty of God. What else we should be focused on; on our heavenly rewards? No wonder that young Christians in particular prefer churches where worship is the king. No wonder pseudo “churches” without God or a denomination or strong beliefs are gaining momentum and becoming trendy. They use the traditional structure of worship, singing and fellowship. This is a growing Western movement attempting to answer passionate individuals who realize standard atheism and materialism have reached their limits. They want to live better and celebrate life through community involvement. This brings back memories of our life during the communist’s era and its goals to build internationalism, peace, prosperity and heaven on the Earth—without God of course. How actual are His words: *“For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables (2 Tim 4:3-4).”*

ATTACKS ON A PERSONAL LEVEL

The last three months we have felt numerous attacks and disruptions of our work. It seems as if something is constantly breaking, failing or not working properly. For weeks our computer system has slowed our efforts. It started with the malfunction of a mirror memory disc, then other pieces of hardware went dead, and Klara’s screen went black, etc. Our IT man

who we call for serious troubles is always very busy; this time he had to spend some time in Brussels and when he came back he became seriously ill. One of our crashed disks is still waiting for data resurrection. Pavel is rebuilding our computer architecture step by step with help of our son Vit in Denver. He has added several terabyte disks. Since our internet line is not of the highest speed, it takes endless time to upload and download files to the Cloud. To transfer Klara's data and reset her computer took 23 hours. While waiting she washed all the windows. Solving the problems caused numerous delays. Pavel is extremely patient. We are not yet 100% back to normal. All these things keep him away from his main goal—to finish his book. Our writing and translating was at stand still for weeks.

- Our underground parking and basement was broken in and some items were stolen. All remote controls had to be reset.
- Klara's camera lens got jammed.
- Jarda accidentally put gas into a diesel car the day before driving to a pastoral conference in another town, etc.
- While driving to our pre-conference meeting in Usti we were passed by an insane driver. He was going at least 170 miles per hour or more. We were just a split second from changing lanes in order to pass two trucks ahead of us. The sound and air wave from his passing shook our car and us as well. A few minutes later we arrived at the scene of an accident. One member of our board was standing in the middle of a scrum of people. Providentially he was only a witness to the bad accident.

We could continue, but as we arrived to the meeting we were in shock. We praise the Lord for His protective hand and bringing us safe to the destination. Thank you for remembering us in your prayers. He is the Winner, we are His servants.

HE PROVIDES

At our last meeting we set some goals for the ministry and it is amazing how the Lord answers almost immediately. Out of one passionate sermon last Sunday in Usti, Klara will have four short editorials for the magazine: Why our attention is focused on the Glory and Sovereignty of God; Building a Spiritual House; the Holy Priesthood and Spiritual Sacrifice.

RADIO LOGOS MINISTRY

Milan, our Slovak Radiologos.sk man is experiencing heart troubles caused by being overworked and under a lot of stress. He is carrying an incredible load of responsibilities. We pray for encouragement, helpers and volunteers. It is really hard to find someone willing to help without compensation.

<http://www.radiologos.sk>

Thanks to Milan, Radiologos.sk is well established among small format internet radios. It is in 60th place among a list of over 100 commercial monitored radios. Here are few letters from grateful listeners:

✉ **Greetings in the name of our Lord,**

I am a believer living in Serbia, from Kovacic where numerous Slovaks live. Thank you that you are broadcasting the Word and music glorifying God. Blessings to all

who make this broadcasting available to us. Glory to God. God bless,

Bobcik Martin

✉ **Greetings to you,**

I am 30 years old and I am involved in youth ministries. I teach religion in high schools and since we do not have any official textbooks, I have to look for different useful materials. Two of your publications are very handy. I came across your web pages by pure chance and it is great encouragement and joy. I am listening to your broadcast as much as I can. Blessings for all days that are ahead of you.

Miroslav

✉ **Evening greetings,**

Since the first time we discovered Radio Logos, it became our daily source of spiritual nourishment. It is rich food and we joyfully share this blessing with others. Our prayer is that you will be inspired and strong to serve others. We pray for your energy and resources to continue. Our prayers are with you and for His word to reach believers as well as nonbelievers.

Zuzana Filipová

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- We have two new men coming to our Bible study. Both expressed a desire to be baptized.
- Our team is focusing on January Winter conference logistics. The brainstorming meeting was encouraging and challenging. We came up with a topic for the next year's conference and some recommendations for additional speakers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- January conference attendance; for safe travel conditions for all travelers (some

of them will come from great distances); health for the speakers; the children program, etc.

- The ministry budget; support is continuously dropping.
- Finishing and publishing Pavel's book.
- For our church; we can see some unhealthy spiritual defaults.

We praise the Lord for another year in the ministry and all what was accomplished. Thank you for your love, faithfulness and generosity.

Wishing you a joyful celebration of our Saviour and many Blessings to all in the coming year.

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

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