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*At that time Jesus answered and said,  
I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and  
earth, because thou hast hid these things  
from the wise and prudent, and hast  
revealed them unto babes. Even so,  
Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.  
All things are delivered unto me of my  
Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but  
the Father; neither knoweth any man the  
Father, save the Son, and he to whomso-  
ever the Son will reveal him.  
(Mathew 11:25-27)*

**DECEMBER 2016**

**DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS  
OF THE REACH BEYOND MINISTRY  
TO THE PEOPLES  
IN CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAKIA**

We are quickly approaching the end of another year of blessings with expectation what the next year will bring to all of us as individuals, families, countries and whole



world. As we look back on the year which just has passed we stand in awe to see so many unexpected changes. One of the greater one was the presidential election. It will be next January for one president the last day, for the new one the first day in the office.

Since we experienced for almost 30 years communism first hand, we have been seeing how many Western countries, especially in Europe are giving up principals of democracy and freedom under the principle of "progressiveness." We heard that word so frequently in Czechoslovakia in the 50's, 60' and 70's that it lost its meaning. Now, when Czechs want to say the word progress they use an English equivalent since the Czech word is now a caricature of its pristine meaning. So do not be surprised that we are glad that we have now a president not hostile toward Christian and family values. During presidential election many topics and issues were addressed and people could see how much they lost. We have been pressed by humanists, intellectual leftists, political correctness and information manipulation. The Judeo-Christian values and civilization is year by year attacked, modified and lost. What happened in America is called now "Trump infection". There is a hope that establishment of progressive leftist international bureaucrats

will lose some of their almost unlimited power. We are optimistic that people with common sense woke up and realize that our Lord is in charge, that He is the One, who

***changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: (Daniel 2:21)***

### **RECENT MILESTONES**

As we mentioned in our November E-PPR (Electronic Prayer and Praise Letter) we celebrated the first anniversary of Biblical Church of Prague. The new place we meet in is the small theater called The Stone. It is different than most places where churches meet. The black stage with black walls surrounding most of the rooms looks at first glance as some kind of community squat. The place is very informal, a bit crazy, but cozy. After three meetings we can say for the time being it is good provision and those attending love it. Here is a short Youtube presentation to share with you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjS5ibeOJGU>

This December it will be 85 years since the first HCJB broadcasting in English and Spanish were received by six radio receivers in Ecuador. How close this is to biblical words:

***The kingdom of heaven is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: which indeed is less than all seeds; but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the heaven come and lodge in the branches thereof. (Mt 13:31-32)***

***Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and will show thee great things, and difficult, which thou knowest not. (Jr 33:3)***

### **WE NEVER IMAGINED**

We never imagined that we would reach our silver anniversary milestone with Reach Beyond, formerly HCJB and HCJB Global.

We never imagined that we would return to our native formerly communist country as missionaries. We came to the United States as unbelieving refugees after Russian invasion in 1968, and in May 1992 we were back in free Czechoslovakia to serve.

We never imagined that during our lifetime communism would fall. November 1989 was beginning of fall of communism and iron wall. The wall was built as a prison wall; people could not get out. Yes, and it worked absolutely for almost 40 years. In January 1990 Pavel officially left corporate life in Atlantic Richfield and we left Indonesia. In February of 1990 we were already in Ecuador with commitment to return as soon as possible to our native country. In Quito we started under leadership of Ron Cline, had the privilege to know Abe and Marge Van Der Puy, previous president. After Ron and Barb we served under Dave Johnson, Wayne Pederson and now under leadership of the new president Steve Harling. We were introduced to Steve and his wife during a Reach Beyond Conference in Spain. He and Becky have already met with approximately 2/3 of our missionaries, having traveled in Europe, Eurasia, Spain, Ecuador, and the U.S. Most of us remarked about his cross-cultural experience, as he is a good listener, communicator, and sensitive leader. We hope and pray that under his leadership qualities, your prayers and our voice and hands will move us to reach beyond in our respective fields.

We never imagined that we will gain so many wonderful friends and prayer partners for a quarter of a century. Their kindness and

love is truly supernatural. Each one of you are part of His glorious patchwork in our lives; it became colorful and beautiful. The Lord blessed us with the most fulfilling years.

### PAVEL'S BOOK

At this time we would like to give you an opportunity for one-time special gift toward printing. First let us share how Pavel's first book which actually led to us being in ministry was published. While Pavel wrote the book *Battle for the Soul* we were wondering how we can finance and publish it without any publisher. Many times Pavel said: "Even if I will have to sell my beloved Volkswagen to pay for the book I will do it." This is exactly what happened. We sold the car and added about \$150 to cover cost of publishing it. The first time we printed it in U.S. 2,000 copies. This is how we started our mission career. This led to publishing magazine with the same name. Now, more than 26 years later, we are still publishing it. Later on we printed 15,000 more in then Czechoslovakia. Our Lord used the book and magazine to save a number of people. All is His work! Now we hope and pray that the new Pavel's book "*I Will Not Give My Glory Unto Another*" will bring answers to theological questions not too many pastors and churches deal with. The first book was paper back having 208 pages; the new one will be hardcover having close to 400 pages.

### THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST

*Dear Pavel and Klara*

*I appreciate your ongoing interest and involvement in Slovak ministry. During past year I informed you about termination of Radio Logos broadcasting. This event caused unexpected reaction from listeners and desire to reinstate broadcasting. One of the brothers showed great interest and he was very enthusiastic and willing to take over the leading responsibility. Our communication*

*was very intensive. We met several times and I shared with the team reason for termination and I explained the terms for reinstatement. It all looked very promising but at the end came to the light reality that his church denomination does not share same vision for this kind of mission outreach. Since there was no support „in-house“ and the man had no previous experience with broadcasting plus he is managing his business enterprise, that by itself is time consuming commitment, he felt that he cannot take on himself responsibility like this.*

*I was trying to encourage him and offered him my help. My plan was to produce programs during one year time without broadcasting and archive new programs while he would get hand on experience. That was our vision for reinstatement of Radio Logos broadcasting. To my surprise after termination of broadcasting group right here in Banská Bystrica showed interest to help to reinstate broadcasting and offered cooperation in new programming. At present time they produce web pages oriented on apologetics. At this time we would like to produce series of apologetic programs and short reflections. Also some teachers from Theological seminary in Banská Bystrica showed interest to continue and expand.*

*Those are our humble plans in media ministry. I am excited about new opportunities and how the Lord directs our labor. It is not easy to terminate 15 years of merry go round of program production. I feel like entering new life dimension, with gratefulness. I reflect those very intensive years and look forward to direction in time ahead of me. You Klara and Pavel are the ones the Lord miraculously sent my way and influenced my most productive part of life ... My goal is to hand over broadcasting to new generation.*

Since we have known Milan for over 20 years we saw many ups and downs. He car-

ried great burden for lost as well as showed exceptional sacrifice. In his case it often looked that he is on the end of those that no one pays attention. As we read Milan's testimonial letter deep understanding of following verses came to our mind:

*Mk 10:31. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.*

His accomplishments are absolutely amazing. His faithfulness is exceptional. Most of the time there was no one to encourage him, no thanks, no recognition. I often think that bigger responsibility God entrusts to us, more difficult road leads to the finale. As the church we live, feel and function like children of God, sons, friends, disciples, teachers, saints and priests and volunteers. Yes, we belong to loving father but there is job to be done on the other side of spectrum for His kingdom. Few among His flock become servants, but how many laborers and slaves do you know? Milan is one of them.

*Lk 10:2: The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest.*

Now the words like „behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last (Lk 13:30) have personal meaning. The highest of all positions is entrusted to His slaves. To become truly His possession, is the greatest promotion, meaning that we are unshackled for royal slavery. To be His slave is the greatest privilege and lifetime fulfillment. We do not have to wait for recognition of others. He is the one who has real rewards in heaven. We do not depend on earthly recognition and rewards; we gladly go and do what is required by Him. He is our strength. Rejoice for a season in his light.

#### PRAYER NEEDS

- Please pray for our winter conference in January. In February we plan to attend conference with Paul Washer.

- Pray for spiritual growth and increase in numbers for our church so that we will become a self-sustaining body of believers in the near future. Small and independent churches have to overcome many hurdles to exist.
- Please continue to pray for all of us. Pray that the Lord will give us real opportunities to reach the unreached.
- Those of you who receive this hard copy Prayer Letter and not by e-mail, please e-mail us so we can mail it to you electronically.

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Thank you for your prayers,  
Support and participation in our life and  
Czech & Slovak ministry**

**In His Sovereign Grace  
Pavel and Klara Steiger**

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