



NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2017
DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS OF THE REACH BEYOND
MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLES IN CZECHIA AND SLOVAKIA

Greetings from our stateside home ministry tour of our supporting churches, individuals and friends. At this time, we are combining our electronic and printed prayer letters in a shorter and simplified format, since we are on the road.

At this moment, we are back in California and Arizona after 7 years. Over and over, we lovingly hear our supporters and friends say: "You should show up more often."

We flew from Prague to Los Angeles via Oslo in 14 hours. How great. We are moving quite fast and drive many miles. From LA and Simi Valley, we continued to Madera and Santa Rosa. Time spent with our faithful prayer partners and supporters has been awesome. Love and mutual encouragement has been the highlight. In Santa Rosa, we saw devastation of the fire, which swept through residential neighborhoods. A number of people from Santa Rosa Bible Church lost everything. Neighborhoods looked like a war zone. Ashes were everywhere. Only fireplace chimneys, burned washers, dryers and cars were left in complete destruction. This was a reminder how quickly our lives can change. On the other hand, the community showed great love, compassion and togetherness. The organization of cleanup crews was admirable. There we met with friends, mission committee people and pastors.

From Santa Rosa, we drove to Oakland and the next morning, on Thanksgiving Day, we drove 600 miles toward Las Vegas. We dined on Thanksgiving "leftovers" in the evening and enjoyed wonderful fellowship with believers. From the Las Vegas area, we drove through Prescott to Phoenix and Tucson. This destination we call "home base". What joy, love and care we were showered with. Next, we will visit a church in Fallbrook, CA, then our SW ministry trip will come to its end.

In mid-December, we will fly to NYC to spend time with another wonderful church and some families. The rest of our 6-week tour, we will be in Manchester, NH. We will celebrate Christmas with our family circle after 7 years.

We have so much to share with you but since we are travelling, there is not enough time to write details about our ministry back in Czechia. In one sentence, we are starting the third year of Prague Bible Church and we praise the Lord for His blessing. Part of the blessing is our ministry role. Since most of the new converts were not raised in Christian families, our role developed into

"parental guidance". We are happy and privileged to do it. With this comes a special benefit. This way we feel much younger because young families surround us.

As we travel and see how everything changes, we observe many changes in America. As we are drawn vertically closer to heaven, we can see horizontally much more clearly how the world needs Christ. The European Union we are part of is losing the western Judeo-Christian values. In the book *The Last Days of Europe*, the historian Walter Laqueur wrote that "Germany had some 700 little mosques and prayer rooms in the 1980s, but there are more than 2,500 at the present time". In Germany, Christianity is diminishing as almost a million of Catholic and Protestants die annually. Both, atheists and Christians will soon be dominated by Islam. In the words of Turkish president Erdogan, "Our minarets are our bayonets, our domes are our helmets, our mosques are our barracks". Islamic regimes are, in fact, offering to fill the empty spaces in Germany's religious landscape. Saudi Arabia proposed building 200 new mosques in Germany, "one for every 100 refugees". Since Germany is the leading power of European Union, Islamized Germany may pose a great danger in a future. To illustrate this point, here are four quotes pertaining to what is going on:

- Turkey controls 900 mosques in Germany and feels free to say that a "liberal mosque" in Germany is "incompatible" with Islam.
- Can you imagine Germany offering to build Iraq, Syria and Egypt "200 new churches" to reconstruct the derelict and dispossessed Christian communities there? No, because in the Middle East, Christians have been eradicated in a forced de-Christianization.
- Christians in Germany will become a minority in the next 20 years, according to *Die Welt*.
- We risk losing not only our churches, but also more importantly, our cultural strength and even confidence in the values of our own civilization.

PRAISE AND PRAYER NEED

- Thanks, you for your faithfulness, love and generosity. We need you more than ever.
- Travel mercies during next four weeks.
- For the ministry in Czech and Slovak Republics.
- Blessed Holidays in the midst of your families.

PEACE, LOVE AND JOY TO YOU ALL

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

**In His Sovereign Grace,
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