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*There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every matter under heaven—A time to give birth and a time to die; A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted. A time to kill and a time to heal; A time to tear down and a time to build up. A time to weep and a time to laugh; A time to mourn and a time to dance. A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones; A time to embrace and a time to shun embracing. A time to search and a time to give up as lost; A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear apart and a time to sew together; A time to be silent and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate; A time for war and a time for peace. What benefit is there for the worker from that in which he labors? I have seen the task*



*which God has given the sons of mankind with which to occupy themselves. He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, without the possibility that mankind will find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end. (Ecc 3:1-11)*

**NOVEMBER 2021  
DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS  
OF THE REACH BEYOND  
MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLES  
OF CZECHIA AND SLOVAKIA**

The golden leaves on the trees remind us that the festive season is on the horizon. It is a wonderful time to look back, to count our blessings and praise our Lord for all the opportunities He has given us this year.

We are sorry that in Europe the Thanksgiving holiday is not celebrated; instead, the Christmas shopping

rush season begins. There is no room in many human hearts to praise the Son of God, who is the greatest gift to mankind.

### **EVERYTHING IS IN HIS HANDS**

The world around us is in motion. We are not creating reality, but we are part of it. On the last Friday of October, we met with Pastor Jan (John) and his wife after a long time. They took us under their wing at the beginning of our ministry in 1992. At that time we lived nearby and our families became very close. We had lunch together at our favorite garden shop and promised to see each other more often since their son Mark, then a teenager, had become a pastor in the Prague Baptist Church. Mark is the fourth generation of pastors.

Later we stopped at the grocery store and our car wouldn't start. The eight-year-old battery was dead. On Sunday, instead of driving to Kladno, we took the tram and subway to the Baptist church in Prague. So far, a "normal" change of plans. We met Mark and his parents again. In the pew behind us were the former TWR president in Monte Carlo and his wife. They have now been living for years in Fort Worth, TX. We hadn't seen each other for at least 15 years. We

took a reunion picture. On top of that, we met several friends from the past who are members of this Baptist church. That's what we call God's directing. What a Sunday.

### **OUR DAYS ARE FULL OF SURPRISES**

*Dear Brother Pavel, dear Sister Klara, The Christian Fellowship in Těšín region celebrates this year 30 years since its organizational establishment as a civic association after years of underground work. On this occasion, we are planning to hold a day-long conference on Saturday, November 27, 2021, at our Carmel Center in Smilovice.*

*We invite people from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland and Germany who have worked with us during these past 30 years. You are one of them, as you have been a significant co-creator of the Tošanovice summer camps for young people, especially in the 1990s. On behalf of the KS leadership, I would therefore like to invite you most warmly to our conference. The program is attached.*

*Hello,*

*I got the info from Brother Dan Spratko that you will stay at the KS conference in Silesia (27.11.) until Sunday. Would it be possible to use*

*you to preach the Word of God at our meeting on Sunday morning?*

*If you would agree, I would send you more information. Of course, you and your wife are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday.*

*You may not remember me, but we spoke briefly together at the last Winter Conference in Prague. About 15 young people from Silesia came. Your book, "I Will Not Give My Glory unto Another," was such an impulse to our reformation.*

*With wishes for God's guidance,  
Ruben Kaczmarczyk*

### **His leading**

Brief background: In 1990 we joined the HCJB Radio mission in Ecuador. We took over the Czech and Slovak shortwave broadcasting. Its founder in 1975 was Jiřina Kladenská/Gonzáles, who had been born in Ecuador. Her mother Lili Kladensky born in 1925), then known as Mrs. Fialová, helped her to communicate with the listeners. As a young girl, whose father was Jewish, Lili survived a concentration camp. In 2016, at the request of family and friends, she wrote her life testimony in Spanish. Her daughter translated it into English and because we know each other very well and still keep in touch, we translated it from English into Czech. In Ecua-

dor a film adaptation of this story was started, but, due to lack of funding and other events, this project is frozen.

It is a fascinating and suspenseful story. After seeing the rendition of Friend of the Indians, I thought ... and asked.

### **The answer came**

*Thank you for the interesting suggestion. Of course, I'd have to gradually get to know the whole story in detail and only then decide whether it would be possible to realize it. To create a comic book, I would need to have a large amount of visual material available. So far I have only worked on stories of the Czech Reformation from the 15th to the 18th century, so it would be a bit of a leap into the unknown for me. I'm sure some film footage of the story, if it exists, would be helpful. So if you want, you can send me the story.*

*Ales M.*

*I read the whole thing over the weekend and the story of Ms. Lili intrigued me. I've been thinking about it and I think it might be worth meeting or calling. Could I get in touch with you this Monday around 6 pm? I also wanted to ask you if you could take some pictures of Mrs. Lili's husband, daughter, etc... The more pic-*

*tures I have, the better. I look forward to seeing you.*

*Ales M.*

The meeting was cordial, joyful, inspiring. Mrs. Lili lives with her son in Costa Rica, where she celebrated her 96th birthday with her family. Her health is not the best and we desire that she will see her story processed. Another exciting challenge is that Ales is a distributor of school textbooks. He has many contacts in the education sector and sees the whole project as something that the youth and the times need.

So we ask for your prayers that the testimony of Christian service and dedication of a Jewish girl, woman and grandmother will bring blessing to many. All of us, Austin, San Jose, Prague, and Roudnice are communicating and united in prayer. We met and the project is on the way.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

- Several congregations that faithfully stand with us are changing their mission policies. To accomplish this task, we are further committed to supporting fewer missionaries with more support, as opposed to more missionaries with less support.
- Pavel is translating his book into the German language. This means

brushing up his German skills. With help from the marvelous tool translator, the project moves forward. German-speaking friends are encouraging and helping along.

- We wish everyone a joyful fall and family reunions.

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR PRAYERS,  
SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION  
IN OUR LIFE AND  
THE CZECH & SLOVAK  
MINISTRIES**

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

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