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Return, you faithless sons, I will heal your faithlessness." "Behold, we come to You; For You are the LORD our God." (Jeremiah 3:22)

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

In each of our prayer letters, we share not only about the ministry but also about the struggle for souls. In July, we had the opportunity for a ministry at a summer youth camp in Silesia. We thank the Lord for this event and the blessings we were able to experience with three faithful generations.

Klara had the opportunity to speak to the young girls and numerous women volunteers who took care of camp



services. The topic was assigned last year, but then a special event in Ukraine came up. There were several Ukrainian girls among the attendees. My focus was on family generational and personal experiences. I tried to show that not only unexpected but also unimaginable events could enter everyone's life.

IMAGINE

Klara recapitulated certain family events and some personal experiences. The external scenery of our life is set and we cannot change anything about it. Everyone's life is then a sum of circumstances over which we do not have the slightest control. On the other hand, this does not mean that we are the plaything of fate or chance. It is God alone who determines in time and space our personal life outcome. Several women have asked Klara to provide them with the notes in writing. At the same time, it occurred to her that

She could send out the entire YouTube recording of the speech to the email addresses of family and a circle of unbelieving friends. She got several good feedback notes and additional personal testimonies. The biggest surprise was the positive reaction of those in the family. So many times we shared the gospel with them and spoke to them with no response. This time with the personal application it was different. Our prayer is that the words become not just information but transformation.

NETWORKING AND NUMEROUS CHALLENGES

Our relatively calm days during the hot weather we spent at home with few exceptions. The opportunities that open up for us with new technology are even more exciting. Not only can Pavel convert the spoken word into text, either from a voice or an mp3 file, but he can translate it from one language to another with help of advanced software, most commonly from English to Czech or vice versa, or from Slovak to Czech, Polish, and German. Czech, Slovak, and Polish are similar languages, so the final editing of the text is not as difficult as with unrelated languages. Saving tens, maybe hundreds of hours with these translations is a huge help and inspiration. Even more, it is a reason to remember and admire the ministry of the Wycliffe translators. Their

work is irreplaceable even in our day and age of technology; who would bother translating Scripture to small language groups? Whenever we hear how the colonists and missionaries “destroyed” indigenous culture, it brings to our minds the civilizational and demographical changes ahead of us.

UNCERTAIN TIMES

We are not only following with interest, but also with concern, about the attitudes towards the current events in Europe as well as in America. Both continents are so far apart and it is not easy to understand what is happening. We live in troubled days, but those who fear the Lord need not fear war but confront a world of cowardice, compromise, and betrayals like so many times in the past.

Russia's special actions in Ukraine, sanctions and the resulting energy crisis are the greatest concern. Germany and Russia are key players in this gamble. Without oil and gas, Russia has Europe in its grip. Europe is not a federation or a “united states.” There are only strong and weak players. It is unbelievable how the progressive European globalists created total dependence on one supplier of gas and oil; it is a road to economic devastation, resulting in the rise in consumer prices, inflation, increase in interest rates, and concern about how low-income and retired

people are going to pay for the ever-increasing price of energy. The cost now often exceeds the pension income and reaches the level of mortgage payments or rents of the middle class. Bank interventions create the monetary crisis ... nowadays called 'quantitative easing,' which is not direct nationalization of the means of production, but a form of nationalization of capital. In the past, every major social change has been preceded by a serious economic crisis or war.

This summer is extremely hot and dry in our region, yet the harvest was decent and in some places above standard. On the other hand, floods, landslides, and huge forest fires hit the European countries.

M&M

We are not referring to the tiny colored chocolate candies, but the important, albeit forgotten, historical figures; Gregor **M**endel & Alfons **M**ucha. Both were born in what is now the Czech Republic; Mendel in Brno, and Mucha in Ivančice. Mendel was a Czech German, Mucha was a Moravian and a great Slav. We would like to share with you the struggle for recognition that, as history shows, many great men have not lived to see. To excel, they had to leave their homeland and put in many times more effort to succeed. Both have achieved recognition in the world, but not at home.

Gregor Mendel (1822-84)

He was a biologist, naturalist, Augustinian monk, and founder of the modern science of genetics. He was ahead of his time and his discoveries had a very limited practical use. During the communist era, he was almost obliterated from history. They recognized full well that genetics is in direct contradiction to the teaching of evolution. Not surprisingly, any mention of genetics was suppressed.

Alfons Mucha (1860-1939)

He is an internationally renowned Czech painter and graphic artist who lived in Paris, Vienna, Munich, and New York (1904-1909). Type in your search engine "Mucha paintings" and you will recognize them immediately. His style is still imitated by many artists today.

In America, he received a grant from an American philanthropist (Charles Richard Crane) who admired Slavic culture. In 1921, five canvases were exhibited in New York. Mucha's artistic life was very varied, but the call of home prevailed. Between 1912 and 1926 he worked on the monumental work of his life, "The Slav Epic Cycle". It consisted of a series of 20 large 20 by 26 feet canvases depicting the history of the Slavic peoples. During his lifetime, the entire work was exhibited only twice in Prague. After 1928 it was rolled up and kept in a depository for the next 25 years.

Mucha did not appeal to the artistic authorities of the time. His style was considered outdated and his homeland showed no interest in his work. During the time of the German Reich, Mucha became inconvenient as a Slavic nationalist and Freemason. He was arrested by the Germans, interrogated, and died shortly before the outbreak of World War II. The Communists considered Mucha's work decadent, unimportant, and uninteresting.

In 1981, the canvases were loaned to Japan and became the third most visited art exhibition in the world.

In 2020 the son and grandson of Alfons Mucha prepared a wonderful biographical documentary, "The World According to Mucha" and the digital processing exhibition. If you wonder who Mucha was, this will pleasantly surprise you:

<https://www.mucha.eu/en/>

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PRAISE AND PRAYERS

- Pavel has just prepared a translation of a book from Slovak that analyzes the materialistic and biblical worldview in the Czech and Polish languages. It is one of the greatest pieces of ammunition written to dethrone the Darwinist doctrines of evolution and is precisely based on

the current findings of genetics law.

- On the list is one more family summer camp of five churches where we will have the opportunity to reunite with former US missionaries who served in this country for years.

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