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All who fashion idols are nothing, and the things they delight in do not profit. Their witnesses neither see nor know, that they may be put to shame. Who fashions a god or casts an idol that is profitable for nothing? (Isa. 44:9-10)

**HOME MINISTRY OCTOBER 2023
DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS OF
THE REACH BEYOND
MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLES
OF CZECHIA AND SLOVAKIA**

COLOURFUL FALL IS HERE

The autumn is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. It is not hot; the surroundings are abundant with color. It is a time to enjoy the last days before it gets cold, dark, and gloomy. On the perfect



day, we decided to spend a sunny afternoon at the ZOO. As seniors, we get in for about five cents.

October is the month of Klara's birthday; not a round number celebration, but the last digit, the horizontal number eight, is heading to infinite celebration. Klara was invited (rather Klara invited herself) to the O₂ Arena, a temple of sports, entertainment, and cultural events to enjoy her first professional hockey game. Not only that, we were guests of big sponsors in the VIP area, with a lavish reception.

On top of it being together with long-time friends and brothers in Christ, we were delighted that one of them and his son were on this day presented at the Ministry of Culture with a diploma for winning an International Short Film competition in Italy. The title of the film is "The Lamb of God." Click on "cc" to turn on English subtitles:

<https://filmfreeway.com/TheLambofGod358>

BACK TO NORMAL

After the COVID gap, the month of October began time for conferences and seminars. The radius between locations hardly exceeds 100 miles. Pavel loves all the challenges of traveling on inadequate infrastructure, endless repairs, traffic jams, detours, and impatient drivers. We often

find ourselves on roads and places where two cars can barely avoid each other—no fun for Klara.

The first conference "The Narcissist in Us" was hosted in Prague. It was devoted to interpersonal relationships in society, families, and churches.

The theme of the next conference "Devotion" is conducted by our church in Kladno. We had people from all over the country, mainly students of the Czech Bible Institute. The auditorium was packed to capacity; there were great messages and wonderful fellowship. The new generation is promising.

The Eschatological seminar will take place in Brno this weekend. Pavel is one of the speakers. This is an opportunity to get together with the staff of Radio 7, formerly TWR. While in the area, we joyfully accepted an invitation to the nearby Kuřim church with whom we have partnership and close relationship for many years.

We ask for prayers for the health and protection of all participants. The autumn months bring various colds, which usually affect the vocal cords.

RUMORS OF WARS

Europe is facing difficult and turbulent times. Information, disinformation, extremism, radicalism, pro and con rallies, pro and con demonstrations, terrorist attacks, violent protests in the streets of European cities, burning cars, Molotov cocktails, tension, panic. The current conflicts and wars are not going to be resolved soon or easily. Tensions in the world are rising; the cli-

mate alarmism of a generation that has so far lived in peace and prosperity, especially the young, believing that they are the last generation, is distracting from the far greater danger facing godless efforts to save the world.

Our parents' generation experienced what can happen to generations of their descendants, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Stay firm and trust that the outcome of tribulations will bring Him glory. The inspiration for the next sharing is related to events near and far.

SILENT MINORITY

David and Sharon Kealey are our contemporaries and former colleagues from the days of HCJB missionary service. We met for the first time in Ecuador and later served side by side in the Euro-Asia region. They lived for several years in Ukraine. Those were the days when the conference speakers had to be translated from English to Russian, and Polish. As Czechs, we did not need translation. In a few days we all developed a common Slavic language we all could understand.

Years went by, and David and Sharon instead of retiring started a new ministry called "Reaching People Far from God." With their inspiration, dedication, experience, and exposure to different ministries, they encouraged numerous partner missions, church congregations, and individuals down to Sunday school classes to get involved in projects around the world. This time their ministry took them to Indonesia. To conclude this tribute to faithful servants we want to share how David and Sharon

inspire those who had the privilege to serve side by side with them.

In one of the blog highlights, David assembled a theme that may help us to better understand the events and challenges of our turbulent days and concerns.

The question is what threatens the future of humanity more, climate change or unleashed wars, the threat of nuclear weapons? Rumors of wars have become a reality of our days—war in Ukraine, and Israel, humanitarian crises, mass migration, war refugees, and global jihadists. There is no worldly power to stop this dangerous game. It is hard to believe that the future is in the hands of dictators, ruthless fanatics, or individuals who control the red button.

David Marshall Kealy assembled an article written by Columnist Helen Dennis on May 21, 2023, titled:

THE SILENT GENERATION

People born between 1928-1945 are the smallest generation in the past 100 years. The people born during a certain period were influenced by similar historical events, moods, and values in society.

The Great Depression encouraged **SELF-REFLECTION**. Their **RESILIENCE** was the result of the challenges they faced during the Depression and WW II. **HUMILITY**: The scarcity experienced by many during the difficult times fostered a sense of modesty and humility. Little was taken for granted.

Shared Characteristics of the Silent Generation:

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

1. **WORK ETHIC**: Folks had to figure out how to survive through hard work, doing jobs that often were physically demanding with long hours.
2. **FRUGALITY**: For many, this was a time of shortages and financial struggles. A motto at that time was, "Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without."
3. **COMMITMENT**: Silents had a lifetime approach to marriage and one's job. A position with IBM was a job for life.
4. **INTEGRITY**: They had to rely on one another, so values of honesty and trustworthiness were important.
5. **SELF-SACRIFICE**: Millions made personal sacrifices to defend their country or were engaged in other at-home efforts to support the war.
6. **LOYALTY**: They were loyal to their careers and beliefs, relationships, and families; they valued stability and being dependable.
7. **DETERMINATION**: Their survival required grit, strength, and determination as they sought economic security and comfort.
8. **RESPECT**: Silents have a deep respect for authority in the workplace as well as for professionals such as doctors.

IN HIS TIME

Pavel's published book in Czech, "My Glory I Will Not Give to Another," has already been translated into the Polish language. Currently, it is undergoing final editing.

The German translation is for now at a standstill.

This summer we had some interesting encouragements and suggestions; two different American missionaries suggested that Pavel's book in Czech would be worth translating into English. They offered to proofread and edit the translation. Without the help of a DeepL translator, it would be a year's work project. Thus the third and unplanned translation into English is underway. What will be its outcome only God Almighty knows.

BROADCASTING CHALLENGES

- Radio 7, former TWR DAB broadcasting. In the past, it was unthinkable to be granted a radio license. After the fall of communism, Christians had more opportunities to spread the word of God through the power of new technologies, especially the European "Digital Audio Broadcast." To start it was not only an annual upfront investment, royalties, but the digital license fee. The first year the fee was about 1 million Czech Crowns (about \$43,000). As of now, next year's DAB fee will not increase in the range of several percent; it will more than double! An increase like that is for a non-profit organization devastating.
- Radio Logos in Slovakia is streaming its signal through the Internet. Slovakia does not have the best conditions for DAB+ propagation in its mountainous terrain. The fees and expenses for operation of the broadcasting are constantly rising as well.

PRAISE AND PRAYER NEED

- Keep the broadcasting ministries and us in your prayers.
- Please pray with us for wisdom on how to be a light in this dark world, regarding governmental leadership, church unity, personal courage, trust, and patience.

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