



*The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
(Psalm 90:10)*

*So we do not lose heart. Though our outer
self is wasting away, our inner self is being
renewed day by day. For this light momen-
tary affliction is preparing for us an eternal
weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we
look not to the things that are seen but to
the things that are unseen. For the things
that are seen are transient, but the things
that are unseen are eternal.
(2 Corinthians 4:16-18)*

**HOME MINISTRY JANUARY 2025
DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS OF THE
REACH BEYOND MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLES
OF CZECHIA AND SLOVAKIA**

NEW YEAR'S STEP OUT

One of the local sayings is, "As the New Year, so the whole year." Instead of traditional resolutions, we begin the year 2025 with praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings our Lord and Savior showers upon us each day.

OUR WRITING

Research, writing and translation projects are making steady progress. In this regard, we are thrilled to share some other wonderful news: The Polish translation of Pavel's book is now with the publisher. This development is the most incredible Christmas gift we could have asked for. We remain deeply grateful and amazed by the meaningful connections, unexpected opportunities, and ex-

traordinary collaborators who continue to support and enrich our journey.

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted to share the wonderful pre-Christmas news that our grandson and his wife are expecting their first child! This joyful announcement has brought happiness to both families. Our son and his wife are eagerly anticipating becoming grandparents, while we are thrilled at the prospect of becoming great-grandparents. The baby is expected to arrive in the first week of June, a year after their wedding.

THE MOST RECENT BLESSING

Surprise and praise goes out to all of you who showed love and generosity in the December project report with new and unknown donors, including a "friend" from Colorado Springs. Thank you all for this year's Christmas cards, especially those with family photos and accompanying letters.

NEW YEAR'S WALK

This time was more of a mini-walk, but all the richer for the experience. Our first stop was a tiny, cozy café in a historic building near Prague Castle. Here we chatted with a bell ringer from St. Vitus Cathedral (see picture below). Years ago we had met the male bell-ringer of the same cathedral. Each time the bells are rung, they climb 294 steps to the bells, which they ring by hand. New Year's Day continued with phone calls, with the children, a neighborhood visit, and a phone call with a dear person from Radio 7 Christian Broadcasting.

NEW YEAR'S VISIT

Just a few days later we met the nephew and family of our best friends from Denver at a nearby hotel. How happy we are to be in touch with these families after so many years. We are connected not only by memories, but also by the mutual blessings that bind us across generations. If you are planning a trip to Europe, please let us know in advance. We are beginning to receive advance notice of spring visits. Some dates overlap.

JANUARY

Is a month of administrative tasks, reminding us that it is time to renew or extend various documents. A valid Permanent Resident Permit needed

to be replaced with a biometric document, a visit to the US Embassy and application for a new passport which must be valid for at least 6 months; also annual renewal of our press cards, preparing for tax preparation etc.

NEW EYESIGHT

Cataract removal also became a time of new vision for Klara. It's amazing how common this procedure is nowadays. After the procedure, she spent a day resting, listening and watching with one eye a ZOOM TV documentary on the strategic importance of the North Sea during World War I. The documentary provided fascinating insights into the region's role in shaping the strategies of both world wars. Recent sabotage incidents in the Baltic Sea region, particularly the disruption of undersea cables and pipelines since 2022, have heightened legitimate security concerns. In response, countries such as Finland and Estonia are stepping up efforts to protect their undersea infrastructure. Contrary to European politicians and geopolitical commentators who often criticize American concerns, President-elect Donald Trump's administration appears to recognize the stakes for European security. This perspective underscores the importance of transatlantic cooperation in addressing both historical and contemporary challenges.

NEW VISION

The first thing I noticed with the new lens in my eye was the dust in the bedroom, smudges on the bathroom glass, and a spider web! On the computer, I can see much better without glasses after the surgery.

THINGS TO PRAY ABOUT IN 2025

- Pavel's brother's condition remains unchanged; he will celebrate his 86th birthday on January 26th.
- For eighty years the Western world has lived in peace and relative prosperity, yet even today there are individuals who spread hatred and death. All the more reason to wish for peace and security, and to hope that the geopolitical world around us will calm down in the Year of 2025. We pray that those who have the power to declare and end wars will act with the wisdom and responsibility that was lacking from those re-

sponsible for the suffering and loss of life in the past year.

- The damage and consequences of the devastating forces of nature and disasters are immense and affect us deeply. We have visited many of the affected areas in the past, and memories are cherished in our hearts.
- Please continue to keep us in your prayers for the publishing and writing projects.

In the New Year of 2025, we wish for you to be deeply immersed in our Savior, Jesus Christ. We wish you peace, health and hope for the New Year.



Thank you for your prayers, support and participation in our life and Czech and Slovak ministries. In His sovereign grace,

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