

REACH BEYOND

VOICE+HANDS, TOGETHER

*Call to me and I will answer you, and will
tell you great and hidden things
that you have not known.
(Jeremiah 33:3)*

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

May – the Month of Love – Is One of the Most Beautiful Months of the Year.

Although this year, it was less about love and more about war as we commemorated the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Throughout the month, we followed with interest various documentaries that recalled both world wars. Most of them were produced specifically for this occasion—eighty years later.

We thank God that in the peaceful interim there was only a "cold war" of mutual deterrence. What is ahead of us only the Lord knows.

May was a month of intense concentration for us—taking further editorial steps toward the publishing goal. Pavel faced four rounds of proofreading, repeated checks for translation accuracy, typesetting review, and many minor detail corrections—quotation marks, parentheses, italics, bold text... All of this requires time, precision, and patience. In our May letter we presented the design of the front cover. Both we and the publisher are pleased with it: *"I think this cover is very attractive and have asked the designer to 'pop' the sun on it a bit... makes for a very*

attractive appearance." The president of Calvary Press added this endorsement on the back cover: *"Destined to be a modern classic on the subject, this book needs to be on the bookshelf of pastors, teachers—and every thinking Christian!"*

Two Delightful Visitors

We enjoyed the regular visit and ministry of Geoff Volker—pastor, teacher, mentor and longtime friend from Arizona. As always, he was fully "utilized." His time and teaching gifts were put to good use—we're glad he could be an encouragement to the local church.

Our younger son Vit lives and works in Boulder, Colorado, for a German engineering company. Once again, he flew to Germany on a business trip for training focused on changes in the design and manufacturing process of precision machine tools. The timing couldn't have been better—Germany observes two consecutive holidays, "Ascension Day" and Father's Day in May and Pentecost Monday "Pfingstmontag" on Monday June 9th, celebrated as the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles marking the end of the Easter season. Vit was able to come "home" and enjoy two long weekends.

And How Did It Turn Out?

On the first Saturday, we visited the Skydive airport near Příbram together. We were surprised by the size of the area, the range of aerial experiences offered, and the overall professional standard. We admired the variety of aircraft—small and larger, gliders and powered planes, and interesting models like the gyrocopter (auto gyro).

Tandem jumps are available for children as young as eight. One such jump was a reward for a girl who won a tap dance competition—she's a national champion and perhaps even a world vice-champion? Watching her enthusiasm and joy was a touching and joyful experience for us.

Great Expectations

- As the moment approaches when we will become great-grandparents, we are impatiently awaiting the birth of the book—both events are unfolding on opposite sides of the ocean.
- We are a step closer to solving Pavel's walking difficulties. So far, X-ray, MRI, and ultrasound have ruled out a number of potential causes of the pain—spine, intervertebral discs, sciatic nerve inflammation, hip joint issues, arthritis, and necrosis—all good news. According to the doctors, Pavel's hips match the condition of a 40-year-old man. One final recommendation remained—vascular testing. An ultrasound confirmed that the "plumbing" isn't as open as it should be. We are now awaiting a more detailed CT scan and then the procedure.

For Reflection

In today's churches, there is increasingly less emphasis on sin—and more emphasis on "love." Unbelievers are often told: *"God loves sinners but hates sin."* Yet such a statement, while well-intentioned, can lead to false hope. A more accurate and sobering truth might be: *"God loves the sinner who trusts in Christ and hates sin; however, He hates those who take pleasure in sin."* Humanity, estranged from God, lives under the dominion of sin and the powers of darkness.

"We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one." (1 John 5:19)

And yet, in the midst of this darkness, there remains a radiant hope: The Triumph of Holiness and Righteousness.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

- Summer schedule with many ministries focused on reaching the unsaved; summer groups' fellowship and steady stream of travelers and visitors.
- Pavel's walking pain relief is on the horizon! We're just waiting for the procedure to be scheduled. No travel plans for now—unless you count exciting trips to the doctor's office! Instead, we are staying home, fully focused concentrating on the publishing process.
- Klara's cataract surgery in January did not turn out as expected. For almost six months, she complained: *"I can see, but my eye doesn't quite focus!"* It frustrated her a lot. In June, she underwent a simple procedure called *cataracta secundaria*. This fine secondary tuning seems to have been successful. Klara is seeing much better now, and Pavel no longer hears "I can't see" all the time.
- We trust the Lord—He is the best Physician—as we look forward to the day when our (hopefully temporary) limitations give way to renewed strength, so we can once again serve with joy and zeal!

Your Support and Prayers Are Appreciated!

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

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