

THE STEIGER'S E-PRAYER & PRAISE REPORT
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With love and appreciation we send you another special bi-monthly
E-mail Prayer & Praise Report (E-PPR) about Czech and Slovak ministry:
WE ASKED—YOU PRAYED—HE ANSWERED:

***He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.
(Revelation 22:20, 21)***

**Dear Friends and Partners of the HCJB Global Ministry
to Czech and Slovak People,**

We are boarding plane to Boston

In our last letter we mentioned that the Ethiopian Court date for the adoption of our new granddaughter was set for February 8th. That helped us to do some airline reservation for the first six month of this year. We will arrive to Boston February 12th. As soon as we know when Fil and Lenka fly to Addis Ababa to pick up Jordan, we will contact some of you when we may come to visit you. Our quick tour through Arizona and California will be for us typical another mad rush. We would like to visit our supporting churches in Phoenix, Fallbrook, Simi Valley, Santa Rosa, Flagstaff and Tucson. Along the way we would like to say at least hello to friends and prayer partners. Your reactions are so neat and encouraging: *"our fellowship is going to pick up the cost of car rental, ...the room is ready, ...make the list for grocery shopping, ...we are looking forward to have some special meal times, etc."* We are going home.

Of course to make any plans we have to cover all loose ends here. January was the month of many reports, receipts, updates and changes to reflect year 2008, prepare next issue of magazine, prepare 20 programs for translation for Slovak broadcasting, Czech tax preparation, ...pick up our prescription medication for next two month, and many more little things that are part of our daily ministry tasks. To conclude this part, we will be in the US from February 12th to April 1st. We will be in touch and you can be in touch through our regular e-mail address [*<psteiger@hcjb.cz>*](mailto:psteiger@hcjb.cz). We will function as a virtual office – each person involved in the ministry will be in different country.

Adoption Update

Blog is the greatest thing in the world. We do not have one but Fil, Lenka and their adopting peers are doing marvelous reports about their family and adoption information. Penelope, whom Klara met at her last US trip, picked up her two Ethiopian children in January and shared their experience with others on the blog. We all are happy to know that children set aside for adoption are well taken care of while they live in a transitory home. To see those glowing, happy and cute baby faces are so uncommon for Africa. We can hardly wait to have the whole family together.

The court date was set for February 8th and this is result: We wanted to all let you know that we didn't make it through the court today. We cannot go into details but we need another piece of paper. We will let you know as soon as we know more, probably early next week. Our travel scheduling is up in the air but we trust the Lord that He has the best plan for us and all involved parties. Thanks for your understanding that our appearance will be probably a last minute announcement.

Slovakia Report

Please pray for spring term broadcasting application. We extended our broadcasting contract with Radio Lumen where we are buying broadcasting time for another year. We praise the Lord that we have translators and producers to keep Slovak programs going. We are broadcasting Steve Cole's messages from book of Hebrews. We prepared over 70 programs. As we are getting near to the end, we were praying about the next series. Our Slovak friends translated and published John MacArthur's book Hard to Believe. It is very fitting topic and we would like to continue broadcasting this one. Please pray, that we can approach Grace Community church and John MacArthur to sponsor broadcasting time.

Czech Report

You can pray for smooth transition in magazine publishing. The next issue – month of July - will be prepared side by side with our new team. Of course we will be writing and contributing translations, topics, etc.. We want our readers to get used to some small changes coming from the new team. This way Pavel's hands will be relatively free to write a book on laymen's theology. We are in final stages of another pocket book theology publication. You can also pray for financial needs for the pastor who has a full time job and is in the process to be in full time ministry. We accepted part of financial participation and responsibility in this transition.

Home Church Report

Pavel is teaching from book of Ephesians. From time to time we prepare a dinner for church people. Finally we furnished a church directory and we are learning to know people by the names. Klara invited a young couple with an offer to bring 10 friends by their choice. Both of them are part of European Union monitoring teams of regularity at governmental election. Husband just returned from Africa, she was in an urgent contact with local Christians in another African country to whom our congregation sent funds to build school... Briefly, the couple was too busy to come with their friends. They left their message on our answering machine. Since our answering machine does not work we learned on that Sunday at church that the dinner Klara cooked for more than a dozen of people will have to be eaten by two of us. So, we quickly gathered 12 people, whoever was available, and it turned into a very enjoyable time. We had 5 young Americans, 7 church members of different age – oldest was 87, youngest 15. We decided that we will do it next time exactly the same way – the first willing and available twelve will be our guests.

Presidential Election:

While in the US most of the people were expecting Super Tuesday, we were expecting Super Friday – the Czech presidential election day. This time it is an interesting choice to vote for the existing President Vaclav Klaus and his challenger, Jan Svejnar, who is a Czech American, married to Katherine Terrell, also American. The Czech system of electing a new president can be lengthy and complicated. The President is elected by parliament since he is not the top executive as in the U.S. It can take three round electoral proceedings with up to two weeks between each round. If there is no winner, election is repeated. After two days of ugly politicking (many interruptions, timeouts formal haggling, etc.) the first round brought no winner. Three electorate members ended up in the hospital due to stress and pressure. Next round(s) will be even more complicated.

The U.S. government may grant tourist visa waver to Czech citizens by the end of 2008. This might change a little bit mostly negative attitudes toward American foreign policies among the ordinary people.

What is Ahead of us?

More travel, more visitors and more visiting. We booked our low-cost tickets to Spain for two HCJB conferences which will run one after another. We will fly from Prague to Malaga by red-eye special, departing at 2:30 a.m. and leaving at 6 a.m. Participants of both conferences will have a field trip to Morocco, and yes, we will see the rock of Gibraltar.

We reestablished some old contacts going back to our first ministry location in Luhacovice. We have to go back to see them and be a little sentimental about those old special days. It is a small reward knowing that seeds we planted changed lives and caused spiritual growths in several families.

What is skype?

Skype is a software program that enables you to communicate to others using your computer and a headset for free, anywhere in the world. You can download Skype at www.skype.com. Our name on skype is **<psteiger>**

With love and appreciation,
Klara and Pavel Steiger
Your HCJB Global Voice missionaries in Czech and Slovak Republic

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