THE STEIGER'S E-PRAYER & PRAISE REPORT August 2009

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:

And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, `Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on! ´" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them." (Revelation 14:13)

Dear Friends and Partners of the HCJB Global Ministry To the Peoples in Czech and Slovak Republics

People, People & More People

The Czech summer is usually a tranquil time. Many people leave town to spend time in their summer houses. Most people have at least one month of paid vacation and they usually travel abroad. Church attendance is very low and sometimes it is even hard to find any pastor to preach. Most of the churches plan a week long vacation someplace in the mountains. This reminds us of church retreats in the U.S.A. We get a number of invitations to join these "retreats." Usually we accept a couple of summer trips like that. Pavel enjoys being a guest speaker and summer preacher on Sundays.

We enjoyed talking to HCJB Global staff in Colorado Springs. They called us while having their morning-prayer time on August 4th Ed Giesbrecht interviewed us for about 30 or 40 minutes. It was a pleasant time, knowing that there are people far away who think of us. Thanks!

People

Since we have transferred part of our publishing Klara felt for a while like empty nester. Instead of being chief editor now she is a hospitality chief averaging some 20 head-nights per month. We spend much more time with people and visitors. Boy, our walking endurance is tested to the limit. It keeps us in good physical condition. When Pavel drags them over hilly Prague streets, they usually make about 10 to 12 miles. However, yesterday his knees hurt so he said to our visitors: "you can stay with us as long as you wish but I am going nowhere."

We continue updating our ministry files, addresses and e-mail contacts. There are so many changes in e-mail addresses and we are losing some contacts. Also spam filters are not letting our mail get through. People like you are important to us, please help us by sending us your new email addresses and contact info and making sure the Steigers are on your "safe sender" list instead of in your junk mail.

Young People

Since we mentioned the empty nest, we truly enjoy young people and adults. We were blessed to be together with home schooled kids, now in high school or college. What a joy to see how well they turn out when they are raised in Christian homes. Our congratulations go to all of you home schooling parents. We praise the Lord that our grandkids are home schooled. What a difference to witness non Christian homes and families, every other marriage here ends up in divorce, children ... how they need the Lord to be in charge of their life.

Irony and Confusion

Here in Czech Republic, when you fill out a questionnaire at the doctor's office or for any other purpose, there is a block for your marital status. The only option given is "name of your partner." No husband, no wife, no spouse! This morning we heard on the radio a report about a male buck of a gazelle in Pilsen Zoo. The radio reporter was talking about the gazelle buck and his five spouses! Thus we people have just partners as at a tennis game, a gazelle buck has spouses. We are either too old or the whole world is going crazy.

Also, we noticed recently how often artists, actors and authors, especially in theater plays, mock Christianity.

Broadcasting Strategy Plans

We will resume all activities in September.

PRAISES and PRAYER REQUESTS

- August 11th was our 40th anniversary of leaving Czechoslovakia for the U.S.A. and the 45th anniversary since we met each other.
- Please continue praying for our contacts we already have and know among radio communication experts and key partners.

Thanks for your faithfulness, understanding and love. In His precious name,

Your HCJB Global Voice missionaries in Czech and Slovak Republic Our eyes are focused on the Lord and His guidance. With love and appreciation, Klara and Pavel Steiger

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