



## THE STEIGER'S E-PRAYER & PRAISE REPORT September 2013

**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:**

**Our dear friends and partners,**

We do not know where the time flies. We had a busy, hot, and turbulent summer. It was full of activities, travel, and visitors. Now it looks that the fall is setting in and soon we will resume our normal activities.

### THREE IN ONE

In August we were privileged to spend some time together with our friends, supporters and our son Vit. Our days with Clayton and Joy Nutter go back when our older son Filip was a student at ASU in Tempe, AZ. Clayton and Joy were involved with student ministries and our son Filip spent holiday times with their family while we lived in Indonesia. Later on we met with Clayton and Joy in Prague. Clayton had two years assignment in Prague and we became good friends and met some of their friends while they visited them in Prague. Through them we were introduced to Pastor Steve Cole of Flagstaff, AZ, and his wife Marla. Since 2000 we are privileged to translate and broadcast Steve's Sunday messages into Czech and Slovak languages. The same way we met "Uncle Bob" and his wife Carol. They became later our faithful supporters.

### FEW DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 12<sup>th</sup> 1964 we met and in April 17<sup>th</sup> 1965 we got married.
- August 21<sup>st</sup> 1968 Russia invaded Czechoslovakia.
- August 11<sup>th</sup> 1969 we left occupied homeland and became refugees. The United States accepted us as stateless in January 15<sup>th</sup> 1970.

### SUPRISING EVENTS

Last year we mentioned our reunion with "octageraniums" Bill and Harriet Bathman in Arizona. They were in the mission field for 60 years serving in Europe and South Africa. To our surprise they pulled out a shoe box of organized slides from their time of smuggling Bibles and Christian literature to Czechoslovakia. They were there during the Russian occupation in 1968. We were not only amazed but also deeply touched. What a treasure of historical value. The pictures were digitized and ready to be shown. This year during the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Russian invasion Pavel sent a few pictures from the Bathman's archive to Czech TV. The next day news report team was at our place, and the following day the TV contacted Bill via Skype. The short report appeared in prime time on Czech TV.

One of our summer visitors was Christie. She is a lovely “kind-of-blond” young lady from Simi Valley, CA. As she was enjoying Prague, she noticed that people are staring at her. She asked us what’s going on. Is it common or does she look so different? We had no clue until Klara went to town and noticed posters for a new movie with a best known Czech movie star. Christie looked so much like her. No wonder that people noticed and she got so much attention.

Prague celebrated another week long Gay Pride Day Parade event. The U.S. Embassy was one of the main sponsors. Its building was decorated in rainbow colors. The U.S. Ambassador marched in the parade:



This does not make the U.S. more popular among Christians. Those who adhere to family values are labeled as radicals, conservative nationalists, a homophobic alliance of cowardly opportunists of need deep cultural transformation. The author of the name calling is a PhD candidate in the history department of Washington University in St. Louis, writing on modern Czech history. He has lived on and off in the Czech Republic for the past 11 years.

Now with Syria, and more complicated situation in whole Middle East creates concern all over. We sure live in turbulent days.

The left-wing government overtures are here again. The Chamber of Deputies voted August 20<sup>th</sup> to dissolve Parliament. Our new president who took power in March of this year is a very smart man, socialist, chain smoker, alcoholic with very strong personality. He created enough of havoc that the country has now by him decreed government instead of an elected one. The election days are set for the October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. It looks that the new prime minister will be nominated from the ranks of Social democrats. In the meantime it basically means that till the end of the year everything will be at stand still.

### THE MINISTRY OUTREACH PROGRESS

Our team is busy and we praise the Lord for giving us solid and strong believers to work with. Pavel finished his manuscript – there will be a lot of work done yet, Klara mailed to Radio Logos eight more programs that were translated from English into Czech and from Czech to Slovak language. She also has proofread 20 more programs for Trans World Radio.

Our combined web ministry is complementing “The Battle for the Soul” magazine and publishing outreach. We have many resources of articles and topics which are addressed.

### EMAIL FROM ONE OF THE READERS

*With wish of beautiful and peaceful day I want to let you know how I was encouraged and strengthen by reading your article. May the Lord blesses you, and is full of mercy, protection and gives you His peace, Your brother in Christ, Vasek Kampas.*

### PRAISES AND PRAYER NEEDS

- We have a new pastor. It looks like he loves the Word and is a gifted preacher. He is going to assume his administrative position in September and full time ministry in January 2014. Our prayer is that we will have solid Bible teaching. Over all tendencies in Czech church are guided by ecumenical movement and universalism. This is our main concern how shallow is teaching in many churches and how broad is the way of “salvation”.
- Our present pastor Daniel officially stepped down after 18 years from his pastoral ministry. After second bone marrow transplant he feels well and his tests are encouraging. He is working on his writings about the spiritual battle during serious illness. He is a great communicator and his previous books were very well received.

***Thank you for standing with us, for your love, prayers, support and concerns.***

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in Czech and Slovak Republic***

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