



THE STEIGER'S E-PRAYER & PRAISE REPORT November 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:**

Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. (Daniel 2:20-22)

OUR LORD IS IN CHARGE

First of all we wish you a HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL. Thanksgiving is not celebrated here in CZ; we really miss this special family day. For us it is an opportunity to thank you for your love and support of HCJB Czech and Slovak ministries.

Mild and lovely fall days are gone replaced by vaseline-like skies, inversion and short days. This year the flu season started really early. Pavel got a flu shot in October and in spite of it we are both sharing the same ugly bug. There is no fever, just persistent dry coughs, throat aches, a lot of sneezing and generally miserable feeling. We are not bed ridden so we continue to work on our projects. At least the flu is not contagious via e-mail.

Results of the early election in CZ surprised everyone. Traditional political parties lost many voters and two brand new parties without any program emerged into the 2nd and 4th position. The newly formed presidential party lost completely and our president took five weeks of sick leave. Five elected parties are trying to create all kinds of coalitions however negotiations to arrive to any agreement are moving slowly ahead.

The Church restitutions (*compensation for communist nationalization of land and properties belonging from 95 % to the Catholic church*) became once again a big issue as general hostility toward the church of any denomination grows. It is interesting to see how atheists, socialists and communists quote the new Pope Francis that the Church should be poor. Restitutions became decreed by the law of the previous government after 24 years in the courts but the law that finally passed is questioned under new circumstances again.

Recently we had in the local supermarkets the first Food Bank drive. A lot of shoppers participated with enthusiasm. A sufficient supply of food for the homeless and needy to last the next six months was collected during one weekend. It was interesting to see how many people were upset about it. Generosity and charity toward local poor people is looked down mostly by communists and socialist who are convinced that government not charity should take care of their needs. On the other hand Czechs are very generous during natural disasters, etc.

We are happy to report that we successfully transferred our car to Jaroslav and purchased the same new Toyota model for us. Mileage on our previous car was very low and since Jaroslav travels a lot, the car should serve him well for years to come. Once again we could see heavy taxation in action. The price tag of a new car was elevated by recently raised sales tax to 21 % – in this case about \$4600. On top of it three days after our car was purchase, the Czech National Bank devalued the Czech Crown by 5 % to boost export. Thus we lost an additional 5% on the exchange rate. Currency devaluation, money printing, interest rate changes, creating additional fees and raising income tax are variable legal ways how the governments get into the pockets of taxpayers without using proper name for acts like that. As a result of currency devaluation, prices are going up where ever we look. The amount of money government pocketed on this devaluation exceeds twice the church restitution compensation for the next 30 years that would finally separate the church and state.

PRAISES AN PRAYER NEEDS

- Our new pastor was installed the second week of November. He and his family moved into the apartment provided by the Church. We continue to meet in the hotel Crystal auditorium. Our former pastor Daniel is doing quite well. We continue to pray for his health and writing ministry.
- We praise the Lord and express our deep thanks to an Arizona Church for a gift toward the purchase of new computer for the publishing work.
- After the New Year, a new Citizens law will be effective. All nonprofit organizations and registered citizen's assemblies like we are will have to go through a name change, and comply with an avalanche of new administrative registrations.

COMBINED MINISTRIES OUTREACH PROGRESS

- Pavel is working toward his goal to finalize his new book for publishing. It looks like the final version will have close to 250 pages. It is one thing to write the book, but it takes a lot of time to proofread, edit, cross reference, organize quotations, etc.
- Letter from publishers in the USA: *I have received your printed copies of the Czech translation of Leading Little Ones to God. Thank you very much! It looks fantastic and I am thrilled that your hard work has paid off. I hope that the book does well as a ministry tool for you.*
Kind regards, Tom DeVries, Subsidiary Rights Manager
- We are finalizing details of the 5th Winter Conference in Brno. On our last board meeting we chose a theme for the 6th Winter Conference in 2015. Please pray for good attendance and no flu attacks on anyone. We are quite pleased that our close coworkers are placing on the internet more and more dubbed video presentation from speakers of

different conferences and ministries. Web pages and internet tools are a really great help in Gospel sharing.

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

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