

JANUARY 2022 DEAR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS OF THE REACH BEYOND MINISTRY TO THE PEOPLES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAKIA JANUARY 2022

January days fly by, year after year we look for sunshine, warming, and new life – a miracle that each of us has before our eyes and yet we take spring, summer, autumn, and winter for granted. In times of energy crises, we especially look forward to sunlit days.

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. (Genesis 8:22).

First of all, we want to thank you all for the encouragement and loyalty you have shown us year after year. In times of uncertainty and trials, you have carried us in your prayers, and through your loving generosity, we have had a blessed year in every way. We spent the Christmas holidays in peace and activity. Yes, we missed our family, but we were not lonely.

This year we decorated a Christmas tree and put up lights. Neighbors and friends provided traditions, like baking Christmas cookies, at least 12 kinds. Several Christmas concerts set the atmosphere and the walk through Prague on Christmas Eve was magical. An evening stroll through Prague on the last day of the year was equally exciting. We thank the Lord that we were able to share those with you. Paul used his smartphone to take pictures and enjoyed the wonders of possibilities. Our effort to share delighted many. Klara with her creative hand expanded the work thanks to the amazing Cyberlink Power Director software. Thanks to Pavel's patience we work together as a team.

The Lord has placed many new challenges and opportunities in our path that we could not have come up with on our own. The translation of Pavel's book from English into Polish and German is progressing well with the help of native speakers. The translation of another book from English into Czech is also well underway. Each project is now being checked by the editors.

In the past year, we have renewed and established contact with a number of those who have already passed on leadership positions to the younger generation. The joy of meeting our peers and their offspring is our reward for keeping our ministry alive and desirable. To our delight, the doors to ministry have opened wide.

Our work has changed, like going back in time. It seems that this trend will continue this year. We never dreamed that Pavel would return to the microphone. The audio project "Ask Pastor John (Piper)" project gave Pavel's mature voice a new opportunity. What a privilege. Recording technology is amazing. Little box connected to the computer, microphone and it is all. No need for a padded studio or sets of equipment, etc.

Klara's translation of "Fearfully & Wonderfully Made," by Paul Brand is in the hands of professionals to check medical terminology and body functions. The contacts with the medical profession that we have accumulated over the years are as useful today as they have been in the past, with one change. Before everyone struggled with the time, but nowadays they are grateful that we have not forgotten them.

PRAISES AND PRAYER NEEDS

- We marvel how Covid frustrations are motivating believers and missionaries to seek new ways to reach out.
- For faithful friends who stand by our side and a new spiritual family. Most of those who left the previous church with pain in their hearts are anchored, while we continue to have close and personal relationships with most of them.
- We have much more to give, to encourage and restore contacts that were put aside for a while.
- We wish everyone sunshine and well-being in the joyful anticipation of the arrival of spring.
- We visited Spa Teplice (Teplitz Schönau) in Northern Bohemia. Enjoy it with us: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coJz9ggpBbQ</u>

Thank you for your prayers, Support and participation In our life and the Czech & Slovak ministry

In His Sovereign Grace, Pavel and Klara Steiger

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