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... and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped forevery good work. (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

May 2008

Greetings from beautiful Prague's Spring to all special "HCJB Global" friends and partners who are interested in Czech and Slovak ministry.

This year we had a mild winter and early spring with cooler and rainy days. Everything is green and colorful. Who can deny His love and incredible display of His care, what a testimony of incredible creativity!



His beauty is surrounding us all around. Klara is taking a million pictures of flowers and some pictures of beautiful spots in Prague. This year we discovered some special angles where to take them. We set our patio to be ready for the season.

Recently we mailed our internet EPPR letter with some exciting news. Before we go on we want to make sure that our mailing is not filtered and your still can receive messages from us. Please see our list of failed e-mails at the end of our letter.

Exciting News

While we were on our Home Ministry Assignment, several of you asked us about the progress concerning Slovak broadcasting. We explained that the next licensing hearing was set for this spring. Now we have good news to report that started a bit bleakly:

Dear Steigers,

First I want to inform you that we have exhausted all possibilities to gain a useful broadcasting frequency for Banska Bys-

PRAYER LETTER AND NEWS LETTER FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES PAVEL AND KLARA STEIGER WORLD OFFICE, PRAGUE, CZ http://www.hcjb.cz/newsletter trica. The result of this is that all suitable and effective bands are not available at this time. As an alternative option I suggest evaluating possibilities in other cities. My suggestion is to try the following three towns:

(1) Liptovský Mikuláš, (2) Žilina, and (3) Prešov. My suggestion is to ask Virtual Radio Network (VRN) to coordinate the most suitable frequency in named localities. According to unconfirmed information there might be one available in Žilina.

I realize that this is a step back from our original plans. However, this is the only path we can pursue at this time. This decision is not easy, and I ask you to consider prayerfully each option above and let me know what to do next.

Milan

In spite of this disappointment, it was not such bad news since we are well acquainted with all the people involved in the mentioned locations:

(1) Liptovský Mikuláš – Where our former HCJB Global coworker and program producer, Peter Surovcek, is preparing and broadcasting testimonies, Christian messages and songs via the Internet.

(2) Žilina – Draho Vajda – Where the new publisher and editor of the magazine Change and Growth resides. This publication is an offshoot of our HCJB magazine "Battle for the Soul."

(3) Prešov – Which has an active youth group in cooperation with Youth for Christ President Jožko Gabor, who used to minister in Monte Carlo with Trans World Radio about 20 years ago when we started to create programs for TWR.

A couple of days later we received another of Milan's letter:

Dear Steigers,

I do not know how to explain the following, but I just received a copy of a letter from the Telekom office. It announces that our request for frequency was adjusted not to interfere with the Hungarian territory. This means that there are no formal obstructions to start broadcasting. We can start preparation to build a broadcasting site in Banská Bystrica. We need to arrange several meetings to take care of a number of details and agreements.

Milan

Can you imagine our JOY! We realize that there will be more obstacles to overcome, but this is major step FORWARD. Slovakia is going to use the Euro next January, thus will be fully integrated into the European Union. (Czech Republic is considering adopting the Euro in 2014 or so.) The next step forward is expected in the fall. Several of you mentioned that you would like to make a special contribution toward Slovak broadcasting. Thank you for praying and supporting this project.

Czech Report

There's more news about broadcasting. We visited Flagstaff Christian Fellowship, met with the pastor Steve and the mission chairman Julia. This was a great meeting and our partnership is extended to translate and broadcast a series of programs from the book of James.

We have mentioned above that our magazine "Battle for the Soul" has a new sibling – Change and Growth (CG). This Slovak language publication was initiated by our Slovak office and the first issues were attached into our magazine. Two years later we can say that it is an independent and viable ministry tool in the Slovak language. CG can expand topics we do not address in our publication.

What's new in Prague

The Starbuck Coffee shops are here. We saw three locations, first at the Airport and two more in the downtown area. A gallon of gas is now over \$8. Fortunately we can walk or use an excellent public transportation; the cost of the ticket is now 6 times more than it used to be 15 years ago.

As you know our part of the world lives in a spiritual ignorance, thus it is a challenging place to serve. We cannot report to you that people are enthusiastically seeking and accepting His Gospel. Their Gospel knowledge is very basic—often not much better than the Gospel knowledge of the heathen. Ministering to this kind of people is not about numbers of changed hearts, it is about the missionary's faithfulness, stamina and perseverance. Our 16year service in the country and 20-year service since we started producing radio programs are the result of the prayerful support of many of you and the patience of all of us laboring in this part of His kingdom. We see results of our labor and we praise Him for opportunities we have.

The month of May has two state holidays, May Day and Liberation Day followed by the Mother's Day. It used to be celebrated March 8th as an International day of Women. That means that we made some special visits and welcomed numerous visitors here.

The rest of the month is busy with several conferences – 5 days with D.A. Carson was the highlight for Pavel. Unfortunately we could not be there all the time.

The next big event is an HCJB Global Conference in Spain. Actually two conferences (Regional and World offices) are scheduled side by side. The topic in the European Conference is Islam – what is it? We will be out of town for two weeks which means planning and working ahead of our regular schedule. We are looking forward to seeing some old friends and finding out what are the new challenges from the local and global perspective.

Family news

Little Jordan has her first month report: Lenka wrote:

I will start from the beginning when we picked Jordan up in Ethiopia (over 5 weeks ago). We saw immediately that Jordan was very well taken care of and was loved by all the staff at the TH (transitional house). As we posted earlier you know from our trip that Jordan cried the first time she saw us which is was a very good thing. It means she developed a good attachment to her nanny and it is one of the most important things in adoption (attachment). When we were at the TH we took Jordan outside with us since we thought it was too hot in the room and because she cried whenever she saw her nanny. She did great outside with us. She loved looking at the older kids playing and she fell asleep in our arms. ...

Her adjustment into the new family was incredible. Now we see the difference on blog pictures. We wish that we could see in person more changes.

Lenka should write a manual for adoptive parents.

Jordan's readopting

I just wanted to let you know that Jordan was officially readopted in accordance to New Hampshire state laws. Therefore her name is now officially Jordan Sentayehu Steiger and she is also officially a US citizen. We are very happy that NH makes this process very simple; a couple of certified copies of documents from Ethiopia, two state forms, and \$105. No expensive lawyers needed. We had a hearing with the judge in his chambers. The judge even gave us the pen which he used to make the readopting final with. The Steiger blog:

http://www.thesteigerclan.blogspot.com/

Our younger son Vit (now 40) spent three weeks with us in April. We had a great time together. He is the next one planning to visit Fil and Lenka – to become the most favored uncle.

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We hope that we did not loose contact with you.

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

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