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...preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,... (2 Timothy 4:2,3)



JANUARY 2010

Greetings to all of you dear Another decade in the friends. new millennium has started. We want to wish you all the best and one big THANK ALL OF YOU for numerous Christmas cards, letters and best of all-family pictures. Our kids were together in New Hampshire and all got a strep infection. We spent holidays alone here in Prague. However, over the New Year we enjoyed Sharon, a young lady from Simi Valley, CA. After she left we got a record snow fall.

Speaking about Christmas atmosphere, we are overjoyed how respectful and informative our public media outlets were about the true meaning of Christmas. Almost all of December up until January 6th, we heard about Jesus, the Gospel, and the need for a spiritual dimension not only during the Holidays, but in daily life. It was amazing to hear even nonbelievers talking about how important it is for the well-being of society to treasure the basics of Christian heritage. Who would expect such openness regarding the Gospel in this formerly Communist and atheistic country? We are not saying that we see some kind of revival, but at least the hostility toward religion is softening. It was a truly blessed time for believers as well as nonbelievers.

OUR MINISTRY

In our December E–PRAYER & PRAISE REPORT we shared with you that our day-to-day ministry might feel from time to time like "moving too fast and doing too much". Last year we made a major step to balance the load in accordance with our "higher maturity." We tried to curb a number of deadlines in the overall ministry in order to have more time to write, translate, pay attention to individuals and expand personal networking.

In December we transferred another part of the administrative

tasks concerning our magazine publishing activity. Our new and mature younger team, headed by Jaroslav Kernal, is doing a great Technically, we have comiob. bined our magazine with their publishing ministry called "The Pilgrim's Reading." Before the end of the last year we were greatly encouraged that our combined publishing ministry was blessed by an unexpected local financial contribution and several ready-to-print titles. There is no better sign of respect and recognition than when people seek you out themselves. To conclude our blessings, last year we were able to publish three books: "The Excellent Wife" by Martha Peace; Believe" "Reason to by R.C. and "The Tablets of Sproul; Stone" by John G. Reisinger.

Right now we have two more books ready to be printed. We are approving final cost calculations. They will be distributed in January 2010. We are overjoyed.

As you can see, our new team is full of creative ideas. Our Lord puts ideas, opportunities and people masterfully together. As far as our radio and broadcasting ministry is concerned, we will simply say that Klara is translating radio programs from written English sermons as much as she can. Pavel is back on air with new original programming. He was told: "As long as you live, no one should record for you."

That means that we are involved and busy more than ever. We are not complaining because we know that as we change our direction the Lord has new plans for us. To all that we can only say "Praise the Lord!"

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Pavel was volunteered to be on the "Christian College Accreditation Committee." They meet once a week and prepare all documents, applications, curriculum, and millions of other written requirements. Simply, the wording must be thus, to gratify ears of officials at the Department of Education to issue the accreditation of the Christian College. However, the actual approach and brainstorming about how to be a different school is quite challenging. The last session we attended together was with the council of teachers. One of the questions was a revelation to us. We were asked to write down the names of three teachers who influenced our life most. To tell the truth, Klara could not come up with one name. As we were growing up we did not have teachers who would be more than authority to us. We feared those who spoke in front of us and gave us tests and grades. As we look back, people who influenced our life most are those we met much later, after our emigration to America. We could write a long list of names and we are sure that many of you would be there.

SAD NEWS

In December we learned that our pastor, Daniel, who was ailing for a while, was diagnosed with Leukemia. "Now, I am fully in His hands," were his words as he shared his heart with us the Sunday after he was diagnosed. He was administered the first chemo; three or five others are ahead of him. After that, if possible, an auto-immune transplant of bone marrow will be applied. We all are sad and prayers for him are petitioned without ceasing. There are not many pastors as excellent as him.

PRAISES and PRAYER REQUESTS

- With the new team we are hosting a winter theological mini conference in Usti.
 Please pray for good attendance and fruitful time.
- Please continue praying for a new strategy for obtaining an FM license in CZ. We are grateful to have Milan on our team. He is pursuing another frequency location in Slovakia. What a blessing he is. Please pray for his job situation. If he could work full time for the Lord, mountains would be moved.
- Please pray for our Pastor Daniel, especially for sufficient pain control. He also should undergo autologous bone marrow transplantation.

 In mid-February we will fly to Phoenix for Pavel's medical appointment (second opinion) for his BPH. We plan to stay for 6 weeks and, if all goes well, we would like to do part of our Home Ministry in Ariz. and Calif. We are looking forward to seeing many of you.

Thank you for your faithful support, prayers and loving kindness. In His Sovereign Grace with love Pavel and Klara Steiger, your HCJB Global Missionaries in Czech Republic and Slovakia

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