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And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by everything that proceedeth out of the mouth of Jehovah doth man live. (Deuteronomy 8:3)

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (Mathew 4:4)

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**Dear Friends and Partners
Of the HCJB Global
Ministry to the Peoples
In Czech Republic and Slovakia**

MAY IS HERE

One of the best times of the year is here. Back are sunny and warm days, greens are showing the best and colorful flowers are all over. On Sundays after church we usually end up with young couples in a Garden shop with a good restaurant and a pleasant area to stay after we



eat. Thus, we girls have time to enjoy colorful displays of exotic plants and flowers.

WHAT A PICTURE

Since the beginning of our ministry here in Czech Republic in 1992 we have become well acquainted with a nice Christian family whose grandma was listening to our HCJB and TWR programs in the 1980's. Her son and daughter are our age. We saw their five boys growing. Lately, we have not visited them for quite a few years. Several months ago, out of blue sky, we received a surprising e-mail. It was from the wife of one of the five boys. Now we have the privilege to knowing four generations of this family. Drahoslava wrote to us that we were mentioned many times in the family. She asked if we could come to visit and answer a few questions they have. We kept in touch occasionally with the parents, but did not see the young men for about 10 years. Now all five sons are married and among them have ten children. We are mentioning this blessed time for a very special reason—an unusual experience.

As we were coming to the front door we noticed a large, wolf-like dog who kept his distance from us. He did not bark, sniff or lick. He just looked at us.

Later on Pavel and Peter went out to the back yard and the dog was immediately near Pavel and licked his hand. Peter commanded the “dog” to go. Then he explained to Pavel that this is a very special wolf-dog hybrid who behaves differently than ordinary dogs. The reason the dog did not come to us in the first place is that they have an “invisible electrical fence” around their large property. That keeps the wolf-dog inside. The perimeter of the “fence” keeps people, garden, trees and beehives out of his reach. As we started to talk about differences, a spiritual application came to us so vividly that we were talking about it even in our bed that night. Especially about how we Christians are protected by an invisible fence of the Holy Spirit so that the Evil one cannot devour us. The next day we looked at Wikipedia to find more characteristics and useful applications comparing believers and non-believers in the bible.

Between man and wolf-dog there is no true cooperation. Though wolves are trainable, they lack the same degree of tractability seen in dogs. They are generally not as responsive as dogs are to coercive techniques involving fear, aversive stimuli and force. Generally, far more work is required to obtain the same degree of reliability seen in most dogs. Even then, once a certain behavior has been repeated several times, wolves may get bored and ignore subsequent commands. Wolves are most responsive toward positive conditioning and rewards, though simple praise is not sufficient as in most dogs. Unlike dogs, wolves tend to respond more to hand signals than voice. Tame wolves tend to be less predictable and manageable than dogs. While dogs typically alter their behaviors to accommodate their han-

dlers, the opposite is true for tame wolves. Wolves lack any alteration of their predatory behavior, and can thus not be fully trusted in situations where their prey drive can be given adequate stimulation. In contrast to dogs, which are usually accepting of strangers, treating them almost as an extension of their pack, wolves become increasingly xenophobic and intolerant of strangers not part of their immediate pack as they age. While dogs readily and actively form social bonds with humans, wolves can only do so in the absence of adult conspecifics. Pups under one year of age are generally not aggressive toward strangers, though their aggression increases with age, particularly during the mating season. Males may be more aggressive and difficult to handle than females. Wolves are difficult to contain in standard kennels, as they exceed dogs in observational learning and are able to quickly learn how to undo latches by simply watching their handlers do so. Once wolves learn how to escape confinement, it becomes near impossible to contain them.

Wolves are social predators that live in nuclear families consisting of a mated pair, their offspring and, occasionally, adopted immature wolves. They recognize the pack leader and submit. They communicate over long distances by howling. Other forms of communication include growls, whines and various body postures. Wolves do not bark as loudly or continuously as dogs do, but will bark a few times and retreat from perceived danger. Wolf packs rarely adopt other wolves into their fold, and typically kill them. Multiple litters are rarely successful, due to infanticide by the pack's females.

Those who are part of the pack are relatively safe since they can have fatal

encounters with neighboring packs. Territorial fights are among the principal causes of wolf mortality. When hunting, wolves will attempt to conceal themselves as they approach their prey. With ungulate herds, they then either attempt to break up the herd or isolate one or two animals from it. If the targeted animal stands its ground, the wolves either ignore it, or try to intimidate it into running. When chasing small prey, wolves will attempt to catch up with their prey as soon as possible. With larger animals, the chase is prolonged, in order to wear the selected prey out.

Wolves appear prominently in the folklore and mythology of human cultures. In Norse and Japanese mythology, wolves were portrayed as almost god-like. In Japan, grain farmers worshiped wolves at shrines and left food offerings near their dens, beseeching them to protect their crops from wild boars and deer, while the wolf Fenrir of Norse mythology was depicted as the son of Loki. Certain cultures portrayed wolves as part of their foundation myths. In Roman mythology, the Capitoline Wolf nurses the future founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus. In the mythology of the Turks, Mongols and Ainu, wolves were believed to be the ancestors of their race, while the Dena'ina believed wolves were once men, and viewed them as brothers. Wolves were linked to the sun in some Eurasian cultures.

What an illustration, and so much to think about. The experience at our friend's house reminded Klara a book about the lives of sheep and Sheppard. The book is a powerful illustration about life in the presence of wolves. We often underestimate the danger of walking too close to the world of non-believers. Seeing the master's command to this wolf-dog to retreat

and go into the kennel is unforgettable. The animal carried his body low as a sign of submissiveness. However, it looked at the master several times over his shoulder to see if he meant what he commanded him to do. Infinitely more times our Lord controls the Evil one!

RADIO MINISTRY PROGRESS

In the last Prayer letter we mentioned the changes in FM TWR Radio 7 broadcasting in Banska Bystrica. We also mentioned listeners' disappointment. We expressed our sadness over the new broadcasting format intended to reach non-believers with a lot of music and shallow words of general Christian principles. Now we have some exciting opportunities to share with you. Consider this as your prayers in action.

Since we have broadcasting equipment installed in BB, another subject contacted Milan with request for permission to place TV digital equipment for local broadcasting in our site. In this digital age several TV and Radio channels can be broadcasted from the same site. Our hopes are again high, and we ask for prayers for Milan's initiative to apply for digital broadcasting license for Radio LOGOS. The broadcasting format would be 70% word and 30% music with meaningful biblical texts. Our goal is to reach everyone with a clear message of salvation. We ask you for intense prayers for this exciting project.

VISITORS

It was our pleasure to host Ken and Irene, who we met in Quito more than 20 years ago. Ken was the person in charge of HCJB Quito Hospital construction and reconstruction. The latest project is taking him to Nigeria, directing construction of an

unfinished space in a commercial building for the general public and the main office for the Nigerian translation teams.

Klara's brother Milan and his wife Lydia from Denver spent a few days with us and together we visited places of our childhood. Once again we had an opportunity to brush up on our Russian language.

PRAISES

- About two years ago Klara volunteered to help with translation and publishing of a small guide handbook for effective evangelism. Jaroslav Marek and his wife from Canada were coming to the country of their origins for several years. Their loving and patient attitude opened hearts of people who were hardened by decades (actually centuries) of godless living. Now Klara has a print of their labor in Czech Republic. It was a privilege to have a small part in this. The Marek's are now ministering to Natives in Canada.
- Numerous wonderful testimonies from our readers and listeners. This new generation of believers shows great potential.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Milan and those involved His protection, guidance and blessing. Our thankfulness goes to the Lord for Milan's commitment, creativity and endurance.
- Pray for our pastor Daniel's treatments and our search for a new pastor.
- Summer English camps
- For a broadcasting license in CZ

- Pavel is finishing his latest writing project. We hope that it will be published by the end of the year.

WHAT IS AHEAD OF US?

- Once again we will attend the HCJB Global European conference, this time in UK. We are looking forward to reporting and receiving some mutual encouragement.
- Our younger son Vit is coming to see us for a couple of weeks. Klara is looking forward to spoiling him a little in exchange for a few lessons on photo and video editing tricks.
- Summer camps and numerous activities with different groups.

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