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But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, (1 Tesalonickým 5:8-9)

**August 2013
Dear Friends and Partners
of the HCJB Global
Ministry to the Peoples
in Czech Republic and Slovakia**

BUSY SUMMER

During the summer, as soon as school is out, those who can, leave the town. Church services and attendance is really down, most regular activities cease till September. The Czechs call it the cucumber season. During this time don't ask for any services or help, it will be postponed anyway. These two months are the Czech siesta. It is no wonder, the sun disappears by October or November and one must then live under the vaseline-like sky till the next May. Summer is filled with other activities mostly



away from home. It is amazing how many choices of lovely places we have nearby.

The Summer Pastoral Conference that we asked you to pray for in previous letters was a blessing to those who attended. At the same time we met three key people who stood with us at the beginning of our ministry. Jaroslav and Alena Řezníček from Denver mailed Pavel's first book to Trans World Radio and Ota Vožeh. Ota contacted Pavel and asked him if he could speak Czech the same way as he could write. That's how Pavel's programs started broadcasting from Jakarta in 1987. Two years later we started to publish the magazine "The Battle for the Soul" that began as a written digest of our programs. Next year, in 2014, we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of publishing.

BROADCASTING IN SLOVAKIA

Milan Hudec and Radio Logos in Slovakia is going full speed ahead. Klara continues to translate the Sunday messages of Pastor Steve Cole for Czech and Slovak radio programs. They are also broadcasted in Serbia for the Slovak

and Czech minorities. We continue to cooperate with both Trans World Radio and Radio Logos. Pavel recently had an hour-long, live interview on TWR. It was a very lively hour with good comments and reactions from listeners.

RELAXING WITH CHRISTIANS

Early this summer we met with a Christian group from Brno in Český ráj (Czech Paradise). Pavel preached twice, however, we had to leave early since a group from a supporting church in California was arriving. Český ráj is a beautiful recreational area about 50 miles from our home. It is a perfect place for hiking, visiting numerous castles and the opportunity to admire natural wonders. One of the highlights was the castle Sychrov, which previously belonged to French aristocrats exiled by the French Revolution who decided to stay in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The 125-year-long ownership by the Rohans proved to be the most important in the castle's history. The castle was confiscated by the state in 1945. What an irony, since to this day all door knobs bear the Latin inscription: "It is better to be dead than to live dishonestly."

ENGLISH CAMP

The Summer Pastoral Conference was followed by English Camp organized by our group in Ústí and Kladno. This was already the 10th year, and we can see a special bonding between the Czech locals who attend and the teams from Spokane, WA and Los Angeles.

EDITORIAL MEETING

After all those activities we held the summer editorial council meeting. Once again we had lively brain storming about ongoing projects, activities, timing, new ideas, our budget, etc. We are happy to announce an addition to our Mission Board. Daniel Adamovský is another wonderful young professional man from the college academic world. He became a believer some years ago after Peter Smith and his family moved to Lidice and started the mission outreach. Daniel is one of the most dedicated and studious men. We are happy to report that a new generation of pastors and servants is assuming their responsibility. We are so blessed. We never foresaw that after 23 years the mission we came to Czech Republic and Slovakia for will be nationalized and staffed with top quality, God fearing young people. True, it is not pure radio mission; however, it is far reaching with modern communication tools.

SUMMER VISITORS

Since Prague is such a special and beautiful eventful place, summer visitors are part of our busy days. We are going to the airport several times per week as different friends and friends of friends arrive. Last minute surprises are not uncommon.

It was joy to meet a team from our supporting Church from Madera, CA. We also spent a part of the day with our friends from North Shore Baptist Church of Queens, New York City, NY. Because of this church we became frequent visi-

tors to Klara's beloved NYC. We cannot stress enough how important it is to build relationships. The best earthly investment is in people. Faithfulness, patience and diligence always bring joy to all involved.

PUBLISHING

Publishing activities are going full speed ahead. This is a financially demanding area of our current ministry. We are ready to publish 2,500 copies of "Leading Little Ones to God" by Marian M. Scholland. The publication has 260 pages, large format, and is in color. Our publishing team is jokingly saying: our future readers of books we publish starts with little ones. A sweet secret and prayer request is the cost – we are talking about \$11,000. At this time we will temporarily transfer part of the needed funds from the magazine account. Hopefully with Christmas sales the account will be replenished as we get ready to publish another title.

Pavel has just finished a manuscript of a book: "I Will Not Give My Glory to Another." It is now under the scrutiny of our three theologians and editors. We pray that publishing comes together by the end of the year and before the January 2014 winter conference.

THE MINISTRY IS APPRECIATED

Merging our radio and magazine ministries with a book publishing ministry is another example of His leading and blessing. Recently we published a powerful booklet in Pocket Theology printing

written by D. Scott Meadows: "God's Astounding Grace."

One of our readers recently regretfully wrote to us that under her current circumstances she cannot financially contribute to our publishing fund. She asked to be removed from the mailing list also because of her age. Klara wrote her back since we have corresponded with her over the years that it is our joy to provide printed materials without asking for a subscription. With the last issue of the magazine she received D. Scott Meadows: God's Astounding Grace and here is her reaction:

"God's Astounding Grace" speaks with very formidable simplicity to skeptics and old people as they capitulate without realizing that capitulation is part of hard hitting problems related to old age—weariness fatigue and pains. An old person, such as me, somehow loses strength and willingness of heart to burn for all the beauty and mysteries of the world. The remaining energy of old age becomes a quiet and wordless expression: "Jesus you are my God and Lord." Sometimes these still, silent words are interrupted by a spark—like the publication you mailed to me. It was sufficient to ignite the heart of an old person to become alive and long again. Thank you that you listened to your heart. The author expresses at the conclusion: "I am sure that for some readers the truth preached in this publication will sound strange, false, or exaggerated." I assure you, Mrs. Klara, I read that publication with new sight in my eyes. Thus is manifested my uppermost in-

terest accompanied with light and joy in my heart. Thank you that you listened to your heart and you answered my letter and mailed the magazine and God's Astounding Grace.
– The Old Lady Vera –

- Please pray for our beloved Christian brothers and sisters who are gravely ill. Our pastor Daniel; church members Bohush, Martin; founder of the Czech HCJB broadcasting Georgina; and HCJB Global president's wife, Norma Pederson.

PRAISE AND PRAYER NEEDS

- Elders and members of our church approved a new pastor. He is going to assume his administrative position in September. It looks like he loves the Word and is a gifted preacher.
- Praise the Lord that he provided funds to publish D. Scott Meadows: "God's Astounding Grace." We pray that the spark in the hearts of many will become light for those living in darkness.
- We count our blessings and pray for the spiritual wellbeing of our country and our government. It is mindboggling how the law and constitution can be interpreted.
- Preparation and coordination of the winter conference is underway. The book accompanying the conference is translated and prepared for printing. This time we are going to rent a larger space (the cost is 3x higher than in previous years).
- The postage will rise in September to 12 crowns or 60 cents. When we started ministry we paid just 0.50 crown.

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in our life and ministry.**

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