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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Greetings from Prague. We are now counting down the days and the tasks that are left before our departure from Prague on June 19th to begin our next furlough. This will be our third furlough and they seem to be getting harder to manage. Debby and I are working hard to sort, delegate and plan for this next year in the USA. Nic is concerned if he will have friends when he gets to America and Selina is concerned with who will watch over her Prague friends while we are away. Life is a balance of looking ahead as well as behind.

As we look ahead, we are excited to report all that we have seen the LORD doing this past term. We look forward to spending some time with you either during our open houses, your church's mission's conferences or just through old fashion visiting. Our schedule is already getting full so if you have a particular need for us to meet, please let us know. I am also at a critical point in my dissertation work and need to get my rough draft completed. We will all need strength to get through this process.

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This past Spring I was asked to facilitate planning sessions in several countries. It was very encouraging to hear what God has been doing in other areas of Europe. Most of our experience has been in Central Europe and the former Soviet Union. These sessions allowed me to get a bigger picture of what God is doing all across Europe. In Germany I heard of some exciting things that are happening which are based in a Bible School. Through the influences of several Greater Europe Mission teachers, the students have managed to plant several churches within a short period. There is a growing interest in urban churches which our entire Greater Europe Mission Germany Team is a part of. In Portugal, I had the opportunity to listen to Portuguese Christian leaders as they discussed the pros and cons of North American missionaries. In the end, they all concluded by agreeing that outside missionaries are needed but that they needed to work with the Portuguese on Portuguese projects. Our Greater Europe Mission Portugal Team was all ears and spent the following days trying to design their next five years so as to honor that request. In the end, a project named "Portugal 2015" will steer much of what our team will do. "Portugal 2015" is united effort between the local churches and many of the foreign missionaries to provide a witnessing fellowship that is within reach of everyone in Portugal by the year 2015. These trips open my understanding of Europe as a whole and gave me a sense that God is moving among the Europeans.

I wanted to tell you a few things about my students from this year.

Sasha is a former student of mine from the Odessa Theological Seminary. He is actually from the far east of Russia and has been working on his master's degree while at IBTS. He is unsure where his next step will be. We would all appreciate prayer for Sasha as he seeks God's direction and considers the vast needs of the Russian-speaking world.



Ildiko is from the Hungarian-speaking section of Romania and received a



perfect score in my class. I repeated the assignment from last year where I asked the students to consider creating contemporary points similar to Luther's 95 Thesis. This is what Ildiko wrote.

"God loves all people, not only until they find Him and convert but after they are converted as well. Therefore it is wrong to always talk about God's love toward the non-Christian and God's punishment toward the Christians. If this is true, the Holy Spirit will show us what needs change through the help (not judgment) of people who are motivated by love and not a desire to suppress or control." Please pray for Ildiko as she returns home to bear

witness of Christ's love both in and outside of her church.

Marko Moravek is from Serbia and Montenegro. He has struggled with learning English and in the first few weeks of school he would often mix up his "hi" and "bye." We all had a good laugh. The reference paper that he turned in at the end of the year was fascinating as he traced the life of Adolf Lehotsky, a Christian leader in Northern Yugoslavia in the mid-twentieth century. It was very gratifying to see him gain a sense of what God has done in his area of the world and be able to communicate it well. Marko will return to Serbia and Montenegro next month to pursue a university degree. Please pray for him and his church.



Thank you for all the support that you have shown to us over this past term which has given us the opportunity to see Christ's kingdom expand in the lives of these students. Lord willing, we will see you soon.

For His Kingdom in Europe,

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