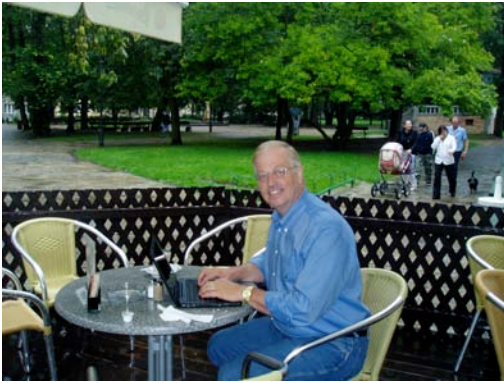


## Thanks for praying



As I am writing this, I am sitting in an outdoor café in Pisek, Czech and enjoying the beautiful afternoon. I've just finished speaking at the ZAS conference on the life of Christ. My last message was on the role of youth in spiritual awakenings. I spoke of John Huss, the Czech reformer who was killed for his criticism of indulgences. Before he was burned alive, he said, "Today you kill a goose (Huss in Czech means 'goose'), but 100 years from now God will raise up a swan that you cannot kill". Martin Luther, 100 years later, boldly claimed to be that swan that Huss prophesied about. That is why, in Germany, you often find statues of Luther with a swan at the bottom. I spoke of Comenius, and Zinzendorf... young leaders God used to spark the Moravian prayer revival... which lasted over 100 years. After I spoke, several testified to God stirring in their heart. The adults gathered around the youth to pray that once again God would raise up Czech young people to impact the world.



After our meeting, I met with the elders of the Moravian churches and answered questions concerning issues they were facing. Most of their churches are 10 years old, having started just after the Velvet Revolution and the fall of Communism. I felt inadequate in answering their questions, yet God graciously gave me several Scriptures that we looked at together. As I struggled with translation and cultural issues, an overwhelming love for these people flooded my heart... knowing of their love for the same Jesus. With great joy we prayed together. I felt much like Paul must have felt in Acts 20:28 as he prayed with the elders at Ephesus.

## Some reports from around the world

In just one week, Josiah Venture (KAM in Czech) will begin to air a series of 17 weeks of original TV programs about two angels which are sent on a mission to earth (see picture on left). Here is some information I just received from the ministry in Czech requesting prayer support: **"Please be praying for Exit 316 which will be starting this Wednesday.** We just finished a press conference with several major newspapers from across the country. Most of these newspapers have written articles about the new show, so word is spreading quickly! This weekend there will be a training for 200 small group leaders who are interested in starting groups for non-Christians based upon the show, and next weekend there will be another with the same amount of people. **Please be praying that Christians throughout the country will use the TV show to boldly speak to their friends about Jesus!.** It is a great chance to sow seeds of truth in one of the most atheistic countries of the world".





**GREAT NEWS!** After over two years of difficult negotiations and continual challenges... just yesterday we received word that the former Communist family camp (pictured above)... accepted our bid for this beautiful Poland camp. God has miraculously provided initial funding and **we congratulate Greg Carlson and the Poland team for great endurance and faithful labor for Kingdom advancement. We are excited with you!**

While speaking in Czech, I also had the opportunity to see a former Communist camp in the Czech Republic, which is going up for sale... as of this week! The ministry in Western Czech has used this camp for the last few years. **Will you pray for clear negotiations and a miracle in funding the purchase? We believe it would be an ideal opportunity for training next generation leaders!**



A youth ministry in Singapore sent a report of over 5000 Singaporean teens participating in the Global Day of Prayer in June. We rejoice with how God is moving among our Asian brothers and sisters. With over 30,000 Chinese every day coming to faith... God is truly doing a unique work in that part of the world.

In two months I head to India for a gathering of youth leaders seeking to develop a strategy for the youth of India. **Pray for divine connections with the participants...** that the Lord would help me connect with those He wants me to invest in.

Over this last year, I have already traveled almost 100,000 miles... and no matter where I go... I am amazed at how God is stirring in hearts... bringing about an incredible harvest force. Over 178,000 new believers every day added to the faith. Yet there are over one billion young people between the ages of 13-30 who have yet to hear the gospel. Pray that God would energize the 100 million young people who are believers... to go forth. **“Until now you have asked for nothing,” Jesus said, “Ask and you shall receive”.** What a statement by Jesus! Only two times does the Scripture record Jesus being amazed... both are connected to people’s faith or lack of it (Mark 6:6 and Luke 7:9). **Could it be possible to again amaze Jesus by asking for great things! I think He would delight in that type of request.**

## Israel 2008

This last month we have finalized our decision to conduct our 2008 GYI Summit in Israel. Our desire is to host a larger gathering of 200 plus emerging leaders from around the world. After the conference we plan to offer an Israel study tour for those who can participate. This four-day conference with afternoon experiences in Jerusalem, coupled with a five day Israel tour, will provide a significant investment in these young leaders. Because we value so highly the life of Christ in our training... this will provide a unique opportunity for study right where Christ ministered.

Over 15 years ago, someone made it possible for Char and I to participate in an Israel study tour... and the dividends were beyond measure. My desire is to make this same time of investment in this new generation of GYI leaders.

In March of this next year, we will host our 2007 GYI meetings in Israel to plan for this Summit and decide upon invitees. We anticipate about 30 leaders to be a part of this planning conference. God has graciously provided the initial funding for this 2007 planning session. **However, we will need an additional \$20,000 to contract with a company to run the conference... will you pray with us for this amount.** It will be needed beginning in November-December of this year.

## Video training and web modules

In July, we also completed the writing and video taping of our first series of 5 modules for the Growing A Healthy Church training. We soon plan to have this available online for use by pastors and church leaders. One of my dreams is to be able to develop this training for young leaders around the globe. The new training company in Kansas City is developing this project and I am excited about it's potential.



## On the home front:



The last two months have been a joy filled but busy time at the Spader household. We are proud to welcome Brandon Grant to our family... knowing of his deep love for the Lord, for Jamie, and for ministry. Brandon serves as the young adult pastor at Eastview Christian Church in Normal Illinois.

**Recently I decided to go ahead and have my mid-life crisis before I got to old for it.** I moved forward in my long time desire of owning a used Harley. The Harley came out of estate sale... and all four of the radio buttons were pre-programmed to 90.1 (Moody Christian radio). **I told Char it was a sign from heaven that the Lord had this bike for me:)** We enjoy riding weekly with a group of cycle enthusiasts from our church! (Char is slowly learning to enjoy my mid-life interests.)



## On a lighter side

A priest was preparing a man for his long day's journey into night. Whispering firmly, the priest said, "Denounce the devil! Let him know how little you think of his evil!"

The dying man said nothing.

The priest repeated his order. Still the dying man said nothing.

The priest asked, "Why do you refuse to denounce the devil and his evil?"

The dying man said, "Until I know where I'm heading, I don't think I ought to upset anybody!"

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Recently, a large corporation hired several cannibals to increase their diversity,

"You are all part of our team now," said the Human Resources rep during the welcoming briefing. "You get all the usual benefits and you can go to the cafeteria for something to eat, but please don't eat any employees."

The cannibals promised they would not.

Four weeks later their boss remarked, "You're all working very hard and I'm satisfied with your work. We have noticed a marked increase in the whole company's performance. However, one of our secretaries has disappeared. Do any of you know what happened to her?"

The cannibals all shook their heads, "No."

After the boss had left, the leader of the cannibals said to the others, "Which one of you idiots ate the secretary?" A hand rose hesitantly. "You fool!" the leader continued. "For four weeks we've been eating managers and no one noticed anything. But NOOOooo, you had to go and eat someone who actually does something."

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Sally was driving home from one of her business trips in Northern Arizona when she saw an elderly Navajo woman walking on the side of the road. As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the woman if she would like a ride. With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got into the car.

Resuming the journey, Sally tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the Navajo woman. The old woman just sat silently, looking at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a white bag on the seat next to Sally.

"What's in the bag?" asked the old woman.

Sally looked down at the bag and, smiling, said, "It's a box of chocolates. I got it for my husband."

The Navajo woman was silent for another moment or two. Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said: "Good trade."



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