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December 2007 marks several important anniversaries of the International Leadership Institute. ILI is 23 years old, while Sara and I are celebrating our 12th wedding anniversary. We were so excited about these events that we took our little friend Klaus to see Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus! (see the pictorial evidence to the right).

Events of the year

This year has been an exceptionally eventful one for our business, and for our planned full-time ministry in the Czech Republic. We've continued to work on our three new books, *Your Career Passport* (2nd edition), *The International Leadership Institute Handbook* and *Three Things that Last Forever*, all of which we plan to publish in 2008.



A merry Christmas from Washington Oaks State Gardens! Mr. and Mrs. Claus, baby Klaus and the Tuseks. Photo courtesy Friends of Washington Oaks.

The International Leadership Institute

Was founded in 1985 in Princeton, NJ

Remains dedicated to leadership development

Has run more than 50 Executive education and Leadership Development programs in the US, for European clients

Has partnered with the US Department of State, the University of North Florida, the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and more than 700 other businesses, universities, religious organizations, private citizens and government agencies.

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We're finding our writing activities so engrossing and rewarding that we've taken the step of making writing and publishing the primary International Leadership Institute business activities. With the exception of occasional visits with old friends, such as our visit to the Czech Republic in September with Luis Blanco, and Bob and Sierra Steele, we will continue to move away from the kinds of group educational programs we have done in the past.

Our Czech ministry is taking shape with more clarity each day. We know the basics: we will be going to the Czech Republic as teachers, writers and publishers, to share the Gospel with the Czechs. Our tentative date of departure is June 2010, with a two-year (renewable) commitment; to be decided is the exact location (the outskirts of Prague, or a spa town within an hour of Prague). We'll spend next summer in the Czech Republic, researching possible places to relocate the Institute headquarters in 2010.

When we look back in a few years, I think it will be obvious that 2007 was a pivotal year. Our family has grown much closer this year, as we united to help our daughter Melissa with her health challenges; we've taken significant steps to tie up some loose ends of business responsibilities in the Czech Republic, freeing us to make new arrangements; I was ordained as a presbyter in the Communion of Convergence Churches in September, and Sara has started to rearrange her professional responsibilities at Providence School, all steps toward our new focus in the Czech Republic. We know that our future will be better than we can imagine, as we serve the Lord.



Luis, Bob, Sierra & Bedriska (sister of Institute program participant Lida Cervenkova) visit a Bohemian castle, September 2007.

Love and blessings to you and your family

during this holiday season!