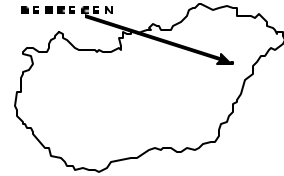


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A Short Month

Well this month there has not been a lot going on. It has mostly been a month that has been for planning and preparing. We have been planning for our meeting that is coming up on the 13th of March. Also, we have been finishing the new songs. They got put into our song books today.

Upcoming Trip

I have made the plans for my trip to the U.S. and soon I will complete them. The dates that I will be there will be from April the 28th to May 31. I would be happy to visit with every one of you. You can make arrangement for me to come and visit you through myself or my parents, the addresses are below. Feel free to contact us and let us know that you would like me to come and visit. I know now that I will be in the St. Louis area most of the time, but I also know that I will be in Arkansas at least once. Hope to hear from you.

The Church in Hungary

This month there have been a few things that have happened within the church. First are the big plans for the meeting coming up. If you remember it was supposed to be on February 28 but it got postponed due to the place that we are having it. We have six speakers and a full day of fellowship planned. One of the most interesting for me is that I plan to give my first Hungarian talk during it. This has been something that has taken much time this month in preparing. The talk is not completely finished, it is now being edited, but I am already looking forward to seeing the final

product.

Also this month, the second class at the Szolnok Bible Center started. It is a New Testament survey class. It will continue until about June. It will let those that go, to learn much about the New Testament. They will also be able to share their knowledge with each of those in their churches and in each of their lives.

Culture Corner

This month I want to tell you about one of the cultural things of Hungary that is not really cultural. I want to write about the weather. It is something that is rather interesting. Coming from St. Louis the weather there is also interesting but it is predictable. Here it is not predictable at all. The weather at least in this part of Europe has no predictability, at least as most of us see it. We can get weather from any side of us from Russia, France, Greece, or Norway. This gives for some interesting weather. Since I have been here, we have had so many different types of weather in every season. Recently, it has been a time of somewhat unusual weather.

So the month started with having a big snow for us, about six inches. This lasted about three days and then it all melted in one day leaving us looking like Venice, Italy, with water everywhere. Then about a week later it started to snow again. This time it did not stop all day or night. We ended up with two and a half feet of snow. Then about two days later we received another six inches. Also the interesting thing is that most other cities got more snow than us in Debrecen. Nevertheless, now most of it has melted and we are having spring weather about 50's and 60's, during the

snowing it was about 25-30 degrees.

So this is not usually normal for us. We usually have some snow but not so much. Usually in the winter, it is colder sometimes really cold (zero or below). The first half of the winter was quite cold but the last half has been rather warm (20-40).

When looking at the summers, it is usually the same without any big trends that last. This past summer was rather hot (90-100 degrees) without much wind or rain. Most of the time here in Debrecen, the weather is around 75-80 degrees with a breeze and some rain. However, this is never the normal because we get all kinds of weather (hail, frost, flurries, and of course rain) in every season. However we do not get some types of bad weather, like tornadoes (there are none in Europe) and hurricanes (we are land locked). However, the weather here is always interesting and you can be surprised anytime when you look out your window. Who know maybe one day we will have a typhoon.

Prayer Requests

Please remember Anessa Westbrook, one of the missionaries in Szolnok. She is pregnant and has had some problems with early contractions. Just keep her and her husband Tim in your prayers. The baby is due in about two weeks but they plan and hope that it will come sooner.

Remember also the churches in Hungary, Debrecen, Budapest, Miskolc, Szolnok, as they continue to grow and get stronger in the Lord.

Also please remember the studies that we are having with people. That the people will be open the message of God and will decide to follow Him.

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