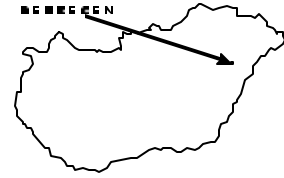


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New Birth

On July 21, Anita Nagy was born into Christ. She has been attending our meetings for the last year and decided to dedicate her life to Christ. It was a great occasion for us as with the angels in Heaven.

The First School Ends

The school in Debrecen ended very well. It finished on July 23. At the final count of registered people, we had 265 people that came to the classes. We had some really great opportunities to share God's message with the people of Debrecen. We have many people that are interested in further studies that will start in the middle of August. We pray that they will come and continue to learn more about Jesus.

Another thing that was good about the school here is that there was a lady's class. This was a good addition to the school here. Three days a week, the women teachers held this class. It was a great encouragement to the Christian women here. It also helped to bring some others, who are not Christians, closer to God.

The Second School Beginning

The Nyíregyháza school begins Monday, August 2. This means that it is approaching fast. We, from Debrecen, will be taking the biggest part in running this school. A Christian from Miskolc will also be teaching. However, the other four teachers are from Debrecen. We will continue to study the Gospel of Mark, as we had been in the Debrecen school. We hope that this year the school will bring in many new contacts that will be interested in studying more from God's message.

Today, we had the registration. Around twenty people came and registered. 80% of these people were new contacts. We hope that the people from last year will also come back when we begin classes Monday.

My Searching and Paper Work

I wanted to let you all know about some things that I will start doing this month. First is that I am starting the process of working on my residence permit again. This has recently been a little hardship and I pray that God will help this to work for the best. It is looking to be interesting because we already talked to the police once and we are not yet sure how easy it will be. I hope that God will help.

The other part of this coming month is that I will start looking for a new place to live. If you do not know yet, I plan to stay here for at least another three to five years, with the possibility for longer. Since I have been here, I have been renting an apartment. Now, I have decided to buy an apartment because doing this would be cheaper over time (three or more years). So starting this month, I will start searching out a place to which to move. This may also help with my residence permit if they see that I have some long-term stock in the country. I have no idea how long it will take but Lord willing I will find a good place that will be good for the work here.

The Church in Hungary

This month has been a busy month for the church being that we have been running one school and getting ready for the next. Besides this, we have had many meetings. We continue

to have many that come to our meetings that have not decided to dedicate their lives and we pray that God will work to change them. We are overjoyed with the work that he has done in Anita.

Culture Corner

This month, I want to tell you a little more about living here in Hungary. A few months before I told about how most people here live in apartments. One thing I did not tell you was about gardens. Usually you think of apartments and you do not think about gardens being associated with them. However, in Hungary, many people that live and own, their apartment own a garden, too.

Many people in Hungary have a garden where they can plant, grow, and harvest different vegetables and fruits. The gardens come in two different types. The big gardens and the small gardens are the two types that we have here.

The big gardens are usually several acres. They are owned by many people. They are usually on the edges of the towns. Also, many big gardens are close together. Each of the big gardens will grow a different type of fruit or vegetable, like peaches or apples. Usually the people, who own these, will sell them either in the markets, to the markets, or to food companies. Each person usually owns several trees/bushes/vines.

The smaller gardens are about one or two acres of ground. Most of the time, they have a small house or two on them. A family or group of friends usually owns them. In this garden, the people grow as many different things as possible. On the average, more people have these kinds of gardens. This is where people get most of their fresh fruits and vegetables. They also have much left over to jar for the winter months.

The most interesting part is that most people like to be at the garden just to be there. Even if there is nothing to pick or to water, they

just like to be there. It is a place to go and relax. Often they have a little house that is maybe just one room. They will go there and spend the weekend there or even a whole week in the summer. Sometimes the retired people will go to their gardens for the whole summer and come back home once a week to check on things.

Although people live in apartments, they also have a little gardening with apartment living. It makes for interesting life for a person that comes from where you live in houses all the time not just on the weekends.

Prayer Requests

Remember Anita and her new life in Christ.

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The follow-up work in Debrecen.

The school and work in Nyíregyháza.

The churches in Hungary (Debrecen, Budapest, Miskolc, and Szolnok).

My residence permit and my search for a new apartment.

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