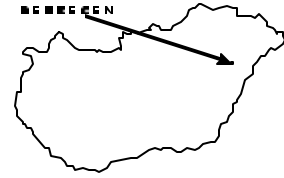


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Interesting Month

This past month has been filled with many interesting going-ons. From the second school in Nyíregyháza to my first actual vacation. We have also started to get back to a normal schedule.

The Nyíregyháza School

This summer in Nyíregyháza, we taught from the book of Mark. The school was two weeks long. We had four teachers, all from Debrecen (Nándor, Chuck, Beáta, and me). We had forty people who registered and came to classes. We were expecting more than this but half of those that came were new contacts. We continued to go to Nyíregyháza on Sundays to have a Bible class and occasionally a worship service.

The Vacation

It was not so much of a vacation as most would think of one, more like a weekend excursion. Nevertheless, for me it was a vacation since I am not one who takes one very often. After the school in Nyíregyháza, I left for three days for a city in the western part of Hungary, Ágárd. One of the Christian's parents has a summer house there. So I went out and had a small vacation with them there to relax after our big summer work was over. In and around Ágárd is one of Hungary's lakes, Velence. I enjoyed going and taking some time to be away from my apartment and away from work.

The Apartment Search

My search for an apartment officially started last weekend. Before, I had just looked in the papers but never checked into the ads. However, this weekend I went and looked at ten different apartments. I am not seriously considering any of them right now because I do not want to make so quick of a decision. But hopefully by the end of September I will be seriously considering a place or two.

Residence Permit Extension

Well, I am still working on this. The police still want all kinds of papers and we are still working to get them. Hopefully when we turn in the next few papers they will be the last and then they will give me my extension.

The Church in Hungary

This month in the church, we started out working with the Nyíregyháza campaign and in Debrecen we did not do much. Now, we are working starting our meetings back up. Currently, we have a prayer meeting on Wednesday nights. Also, we are continuing our Friday night Bible study. We hope to add a Sunday Bible class to our activities soon.

Culture Corner

This month, you get another treat in the culture corner. You get to try another of the Hungarians' famous foods. They call this one "Lecsó," this is a pepper stew.

2 big red onions (circular cut)
2 tablespoon oil or shortening
1 teaspoon paprika
¾ kilogram (1.5 lbs.) tomatoes (sliced)
1½ kilograms (3.3 lbs.) green peppers
a little salt
4 in. long polish sausage (without skin)
optional 3 eggs (beaten and salted)

Put the sliced onions in a skillet that has the oil in it and cook the onions until they are golden, but do not burn them. After they are golden, add the paprika and mix well. Then add the tomatoes and cook them until they are cooked well, they should be coming apart. Thinly slice the green peppers and add them when the tomatoes have cooked well. Also add some salt and cover the skillet. Be sure to stir frequently so that nothing burns. Cook this until the pepper become soft and the juice is almost gone. Then add the sausage and cook it a little longer. Then serve it.

Option:

If you would like to make it more filling of a dish. After adding the sausage add the beaten eggs tot the mixture and cook until they look as if they were scrambled eggs.

I hope you try this recipe it is one Hungarian food that got me to start eating peppers. If you do not like peppers then after eating this, you may change your mind. Good cooking and Jó étvágyat! (Good appetite!)

Prayer Requests

All those people that attended the summer schools. That they would continue to be interested in the Bible and decided to follow Jesus.

The churches in Hungary

My apartment search

My residence permit

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