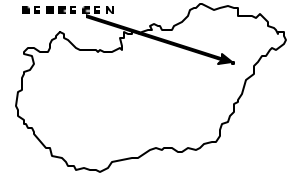




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Follow-up Report

God has greatly increased the Bible studies/classes that I have. We had a registration on October 9. During the registration, we had only five that expressed interest. We were a little down because of the lower turn out. However Monday, things changed, I had another five that called to sign up. Since then, I have had five others that plan to come. So now, I am studying with eighteen people and there are still some that have not come to class, yet. Chuck also has one class. Along with classes at a area school. So the follow-up work in Debrecen is going rather well. In Nyíregyháza, we continue to go and have classes every Sunday.

Summer Campaign

This month, we have been work on the plans for the next summer's campaigns. We have been planning the times and dates plus the teaching material. Also, we are looking for campaigners to help us out. If you are interested then let me know. Our plans are to have a four-week school in Nyíregyháza this summer to help further the work in planting a church there. It will start around the beginning of July. Right after this will be a two-week school here in Debrecen.

Sad News

This month had some sadness that was hard on many of those in the church here. On 11th of the month, Chuck's grandmother died. This was hard on many of us for a few reasons. One is that she was not a Christian. It was also hard because she was a good friend to all of us. She was like a grandmother to me as well. She had often invited me over to eat and for holidays. Another reason is that she was like a mother to Chuck and his sister, Beáta, whose mother died some years ago. I ask you to pray for their mourning during this time of loss.

The Church in Hungary

The month started with the meeting of the leaders of the churches of Hungary in Szolnok. Here, the leaders discussed the problems that exist in Budapest. The meeting was successful in expressing the ideas of each side and in settling some problems. Now, things look to be in a better condition than before the meeting.

In connection with this, coming up on November 13, we will have a country-wide meeting. This will be in Debrecen. The topic of the meeting will be focused on the community.

Another thing that continues is our work on learning songs. This is one goal of the church here in Debrecen. We added new songs to our songbook several months ago. We are working on learning these and also the old ones that we never knew. Also, we are in the process of looking for new songs and adding them to our songbooks.

Also this month, the Shuttlesworth's arrived. They have been here almost a month now. They are working in Szolnok. They are studying Hungarian now, working on the residence permits, and getting used to living in another country and culture.

Culture Corner

The 23rd of the month of October, was the forty-third anniversary of the Hungarian revolution. So I wanted to tell you a little bit about this holiday in Hungary.

In 1945, the Russian came in and took control of the Hungarian government. They said that they had freed them for the Germans.

Following this, a man named Mátyás Rákosi was made the prime minister. He was a socialist and a dictator for the Russians. He isolated Hungary. The Hungarians became poor. He also helped to take away things from the farmers.

March 5, 1953, Stalin died. The Hungarians wanted to reform the socialism. The Hungarian government was changed some. A reformer, named

Imre Nagy, became the prime minister and Rákosi was lowered to Secretary of State. Rákosi and others we accused of the problems that were going on in Hungary.

Nagy reformed much of the Hungarian problems with the tyranny of the previous government. He made people not have to work very hard anymore. Before they had to work more than 8 hours a day and on Sundays as well. However, Rákosi worked to slow down his reforms. The Russians did not pay much attention to the Hungary situation, at the beginning because of other things going on in the world, for example West Germany join NATO. In 1955, the Russians condemned Nagy for being too much to the "right." He lost his position and in December was rejected by the Party. The people became discontent with Rákosi and almost began to rebel.

Then in October of 1956 silent protests began against the government. On the twenty-third, the Hungarian cut off the socialist symbol from the flags. They started protests with slogans like, "Rákosi in the Danube and Nagy back to the government!" and "Russians go home!" The rebels surrounded and took the radio over, because one of the current leader, Ernő Gerő was saying things about the greatness of the Russians, which they did not like. At this point, the soldiers started to fire on the protesting crowd and the war of words became a war with guns. Gerő called for the Russians' help. Nagy was put back in control of the government by the rebellion. The Hungarians started to fight the Russian troops.

Following this, Nagy tried to stop the revolution and cool down the people. Then they became discontent with him. On the 24th, many people in other cities, the protests began in Budapest, began to protest and fight as well.

On the 28th, Nagy announced that the government had accepted the demands of the rebels. The Russian army began to leave. Also, they said they would introduce more parties into the political system. By October 31st, the Russians decided to come back into Hungary and to defeat the rebels.

November 1, Nagy asked why they were doing this and declared Hungary's independence and neutrality. Nagy became the leader of this now new

government. On the 4th, the twelve Russian divisions started to invade and by the 11th they had defeated all the rebels.

Following the invasion, János Kádár became the new leader. They arrested and took Nagy and his companions to Russia never to be seen again. Later, they returned their bodies to Hungary.

This was the only revolt in which the Hungarians tried to break free. They tried but the Russian army was much more powerful. It was not until 1989 when the Hungarians were released from the Russians strong hold. Since then the Hungarians have been holding October 23 as a memorial day for those that fought in the rebellion.

Prayer Requests

Remember Chuck and his family, especially his sister Beáta, with the death of the grandmother.

The churches in Hungary, Debrecen, Budapest, Miskolc, and Szolnok

The summer campaigns, the preparation, and the search for teachers

The my continued studies in Debrecen and Nyíregyháza.

The problems in Budapest as they get better.

The Shuttlesworth's

The country-wide meeting on November 13th

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