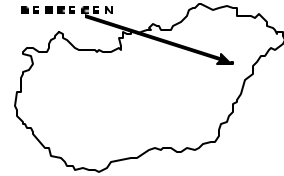


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## The Lord's Work

Sometimes it is interesting looking at what we are doing and what we are trying to do. Then, look at what God is doing. In looking back on the month, I see that really He is the one who is doing anything. Maybe some things people here are doing but more likely without any help. It is great and miraculous.

This month, we, the church, have had more people coming to our meetings than any time since last fall. It is like he is doing the spring cleaning and he is finding lots of dirt, people that have not been coming. However, it is not just old people, He has brought new people, too. It is so great. It is not by anything that Nandor Chuck, or I, are doing that brings them. We are working now to keep them coming.

In doing this, we have added a children's corner/class, during the sermon, so that the kids can get more out of coming. Last Sunday, we had four kids. This is an unusual thing for us. But who knows, actually God does, we may have even more in the next few weeks.

Also, the March monthly meeting went well. This is the one that we started in February. We had around fifteen people that came to my place for this time of fun and Bible study. We had an overview of the Old Testament that many people liked.

Now, we are looking into getting an overhead projector. This will help us out a lot because nowadays with the bigger crowds we are running out of song books. We also have wanted to add more songs. So with this purchase we will have enough for everyone to see and also be able to add new songs

whenever we have a new song.

God has been blessing us in many ways. We continue to ask Him to show us the way He wants us to go and then work to follow His lead.

## Summer Campaign

The situation with the campaign in Nyíregyháza has started to get to some help. We still have one person that plans to come. However, we are still looking for more people to come and help us out. We will have a four-week school in Nyíregyháza, to help further the work in planting a church there. It will start June 26 and end July 21. To be a campaigner, you only have to want to teach the Bible. You do not have to know Hungarian, just English. We will be teaching from the book of Matthew. If you are interested, know of anyone who is, or have a question about the campaign then let me know.

## The Church in Hungary

This month in the church besides this not much has happened within in the church in the whole country. I have been on two trips this month to meet with different missionaries in the country. First, in the beginning of the month, I and my teammates, from Szolnok, went to the city of Eger to meet together to talk about things as well as rest a bit. It was good to talk about the things going on in both of the two cities. Then last weekend, I got to go Budapest and meet with the missionary there. It was good to finally get together just to talk. I had only met him before a few nationwide meetings. This time we got to sit and talk about

the work in each of our cities.

## **Culture Corner**

So this month I am writing just a little bit about the history that happened during this month in Hungary.

March 15, 1848, many of the Hungarians most famous (poets, politicians, nobles) people gathered in Budapest to protest the rule of the Austrian Hapsburg. This led to the revolt against the Hapsburg, which led Hungarians into having parts in the governments. Before the end of the revolt they made Debrecen the capital before the Hapsburg gave into the Hungarians. Many of Hungary's national writings (national song, national anthem, 12 points that the Hungarians wanted, and proclamation) came about during this time and the time leading up to this and following. Below are the national song's first verse and 12 points.

“National Song” by Sándor Petőfi  
Rise Hungarians, your country calls!  
The time is now, now or never!  
Shall we be slaves or free?  
This is the question, choose!  
To the God of the Hungarians  
We swear,  
We swear we shall slaves  
No longer be!

“Twelve Points”

What do the Hungarian people want? Let peace, liberty, and harmony prevail!

1. We want freedom of the press, the abolition of censorship.
2. A responsible Ministry in Buda and Pest.
3. An annual parliamentary session in Pest.
4. Civil and religious equality before the law.
5. A National Guard.
6. A joint sharing of tax burdens.
7. The cession of sovcage.

8. Juries and representation on an equal basis.
9. A national bank.
- 10 The army to swear to support the constitution, our soldiers not be dispatched abroad, and foreign soldiers removed from our soil.
11. The freeing of political prisoners.
12. Union with Transylvania. Equality, liberty, and fraternity!

Every year on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, Hungarians have big programs to remember these events. With plays of acting out and reading the twelve points and other things. Also, they were a little banner/rosette of the Hungarian flag shaped in a circle with two strips hanging down, called “kokárda”

## **Prayer Requests**

Continue to pray for the churches in Hungary for their growth in maturity and numbers. The churches are in Budapest, Debrecen, Szolnok, and Miskolc.

Also, remember the work in Nyíregyháza. That God will show us what to do there.

Remember the coming summer schools. For the students, teachers, continuing preparations.

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