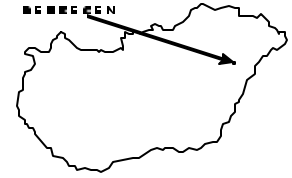


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Just Married

December 23, 2000 at 5:30, Beáta Kinyik and I were married. Now, we are working together to share God's message here together. You can see the pictures of the wedding on the Internet page:

<http://web.matavnet.hu/mcglawnj/wedding.html>

Life is filled with many new experiences and this is one of them. I enjoy being married but it is much different from the old days of bachelorhood, a few weeks before. I now have a roommate unlike the past four years. However, I have someone to take care of me, too. It is great being married.

Visa

I always thought it was hard to get my visa and residence permit to live here but little did I know the troubles of getting to the US. Now we are working on Beáta's visa and at every turn, it seems like we encounter new problems. Nevertheless, it is all in the Lord's hand and we are confident that she will get it and we will arrive in the US in February. So, please keep this process and us in your prayers.

The Trip

February 1, we will embark on our first long trip and furlough to the US. We will stop a few days in Long Island, New York to visit some friends and then on Feb. 5 arrive in St. Louis to spend most of the next three months there. Beáta will be doing an Internship in a hotel there, so that she can continue her studying when we return to Hungary in May. We will stay in St. Louis until May 5 and go to Atlanta, Georgia where we will stop before heading to Florida for our honeymoon. Then, we will return to Hungary on May 13. I am still arranging my schedule of where and when I will be. So, if you are interested in me or us coming and talking to you about the work here,

please contact my parents or me as soon as possible.

(My parents: Jerrell and Linda McGlawn, their phone number is (636) 942-3898.)

The Wedding

We would like to invite each and every one of you to the renewing of our wedding vows. It will take place on February 17, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. This will take place at the Arnold Church of Christ (2267 Scott Dr. Arnold, MO, 63010). Following this service will be cake cutting.

The Church in Hungary

This month has been so busy for the church in Debrecen with all the activities of the holidays and the wedding. In the middle of the month, we had our monthly fellowship meal with visitors from Miskolc and from the US.

We then had the wedding on the 23rd; it brought together both Beáta's family and many brothers and sisters from Debrecen that we have not seen for a long time. This was a good time to talk with them since some of them do not attend with us anymore.

Following this, we had a Christmas party on December 26 to share with each other in fellowship and playing games. We also spent time considering who Jesus is, by make a list of more than 150 names or characteristic of Him.

Next was the Annual New Year's Eve party. It was a very good experience. This was the first time that a family hosted it, since now we are married. Everybody enjoyed themselves and had lots of fun. This year, we had Jerusalem as the theme and many dressed up in Biblical costumes.

The church in Szolnok had their annual Christmas basket give out. The give-a-way was very successful again this year helping the poorer families

in Szolnok. Many other things happened but I have only a little space to mention them so I will stop. Nowadays, we are preparing for the upcoming men's meeting at the end of January. For pictures of the above Debrecen events, keep watch on the homepage.

Getting acquainted

This month let me introduce you to Ildikó Füzesi. She is forty-nine years old. She is divorced and has one child.

On August 4, 1996, Ildikó dedicated her life to the Lord. Since then, she has been working to live and work for the Lord. She came into contact with the Bible and the church through her daughter. In 1995, her daughter was baptized and following this, she began to influence her mother. So, the following summer, Ildikó also was added to the number of believers in Debrecen.

Both, before and after becoming a Christian, she has been a self-employed entrepreneur. She owns a small shop that sells used clothes. In recent years, she has been getting more business and has even expanded her selling to the local university.

Since becoming a Christian, she has worked to change to purpose of her shop. It is no longer the point of earning money but also that of helping people. She works to serve the customers that come to her shop. She helps by listening to problem and giving advice. As well as looking for places, that she can help them in their lives. Many of her customers come just to talk.

Ildikó has very close ties with her daughter, Judit. Her daughter has a husband, Zoltán, and a two-year-old child, Benjámín. They are all very close and they are believers, too. Zoltán and Judit are hoping to have another child this year if God allows them too. In addition, they would like to have a third child in the future.

When asked what her future plans are she told me that she would like to develop her shop so that she could better share and help those that come into it. In addition, she would like to better evangelize those that come into her shop. Another plan for the future is that she and her daughter's family would like to buy a house where they could all live together.

Her goal for the future is to strengthen her faith and to become satisfied and content that God is always with us and cares for us.

When I asked her favorite Bible verse, she said the book of Job. I then asked her for one particular verse and she said Psalms 125:1-2: "Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore."

She wanted to encourage everyone to listen to others and ask questions. This has helped her a lot both in her job and as a Christian.

Prayer Requests

Please keep Beáta and me in your prayers, both as we grow together as a married couple and as we work to be a good example for the church, but also with the upcoming trip and the visa for it.

Also, remember the churches in Hungary. (Debrecen, Budapest, Miskolc, and Szolnok)

Pray for the work that we are doing here to strength and build the churches. Both spiritually and numerically.

Do not forget our students with whom we are studying in both Debrecen and Nyíregyháza.

Also pray for the preparations for the upcoming summer programs

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