April and May Prayer letter 06/2/18

## Dear praying friends,

In the past two months we have had several first time visitors and a man get saved! What a blessing and an encouragement!

April was really great! We celebrated Easter. We invited people to the Easter service in person and on the internet. As a result, a couple attended, and they have been faithful to the services since then. They are



attended, and they have been faithful to the services since then. They are believers, and although they come from another religious background, they love the Lord and want to learn about Him more. Please pray for them to keep coming to church and to grow and to understand why we are Independent Baptists. It certainly has been an encouragement to see them in church

every week and to answer their questions! The lady has come with us this month and last month to pass out literature.

Later in April, **Evangelist Brother Smith was with us** for a Tuesday evening service. He preached a week-long conference about the dangers of the Ecumenical Movement, which is horribly popular in Hungary. We had several visitors. His conference was an eye-opener and a blessing to everyone in attendance!

On that same Tuesday evening Brother Smith was with us, a man named **Gyula** attended. He was more interested in learning English than the preaching, but he came back the next week and **got saved! He has been attending every single service since then** and has been faithfully studying the Bible. He comes to me with many questions every week. It's a joy to see him growing in the Lord! Please pray that the Lord will give him guidance and help him make good decisions.

Because Gyula speaks English, he has been helping me **translate English tracts into Hungarian**, which is a huge help! Just doing the tracts takes a whole lot of time – the checking, the editing on the computer, the sizing, the printing, the cutting, the folding – so much to do and so little time! And praise the Lord that so far we have 17different gospel tracts available.

**Pray for the neighbors** around us in Biatorbágy. We made contact with everyone. We have had good conversations with some. It would be a joy if they would come to church and to the knowledge of the Savior!

In the beginning of **May**, Elisabeth's mom came for a two-week visit. It was a blessing to be able to spend time with her and show her around. She helped us evangelize, played the piano in Biatorbágy, and enjoyed being a part of our ministry for the very short time she was here. She was a huge blessing! During the same time Elisabeth's mom was

here, it was also a huge joy and blessing to have Pastor Paul Pierucki with us on a Sunday morning.

This past Thursday **we took care of Eszter's American citizenship and passport**. In two weeks, she will be an official American as well as Hungarian. That it is taken care of and there are no problems is an answer to prayer! An exciting part of our family life is that Eszter is getting her first tooth and is beginning to walk on her own! She is getting into anything she can reach!

**Elisabeth is continuing to learn Hungarian**, as always. The Lord has put on her heart to also study Dutch and Chinese, so she is doing that in her spare time. There is a Chinese family we come in contact with quite often in Biatorbágy. We have given them tracts in their own language, and they are very friendly. It would be wonderful if we could make more contact with them.

Recently, there have been several weeks where I would fill in for my father Pastor Ervin and Pastor Jim Pranger. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday I would be behind a pulpit! It is a privilege and a blessing to be able to help my fellow-laborers.

We are getting everything ready to travel to America soon. I was concerned that I would need a marriage VISA, and asked about that at the American Embassy. I was told that I can travel with the simple ESTA paper as I have done before, which is also cheaper than a VISA. That is also an answer to prayer! We found out that Elisabeth's name on her Hungarian documents and her name even on Eszter's are all misspelled. That slows down, if not completely hinders, any progress to be done on Eszter's Hungarian paperwork. We are in the process of getting it fixed, but who knows how long that will take in Hungary! Prayers are appreciated as we try to get this fixed. It would be nice to have it done before we leave, but since Eszter can travel with her American papers, it isn't absolutely urgent that it be done before then.

One big piece of news is that the Lord has led me to **leave my secular job in August**, just before we leave for the States. When we return to Hungary, **we are praying that we will be able to be in the ministry full time by faith**. We don't know how, but we trust that God will provide all the money that we will need to be able to serve Him in Hungary. There is so much need for the Word of God to be multiplied. *"Without faith, it is impossible to please Him." Hebrews 11:6.* We must take this leap of faith. Along with that, please pray for our car. I use it for my secular job, which as a delivery-man, requires A LOT of driving. I have put around 40,000 kilometers on it in just the past 8 months. The car is having some problems, and nobody seems to know exactly what is wrong. I just need it to hold out for two more months. Please pray that God will do a miracle and keep it going strong until then. We are excited to see friends and family and to meet those of you we have not yet! We keep you in our prayers. Thank you so much for your prayer and financial support! You are helping the Lord's work here through that. God is providing everything that we need, and He is always faithful and good, and glorifying Himself in everything! Glory to His Name!