

Dear Pastors and Churches,

A short update on how things have been going this past few weeks as we have gotten adjusted and back into the swing of things in the middle of the Christmas season!

Last week was a wonderful opportunity to get the gospel into the hands of many people. Here in Hungary, every year during the Christmas season, "Christmas markets" open up on the streets in every village! Stands are full of delicious baked goods, homemade items, and much more! We went out Saturday morning to pass out John/Romans, invitations, flyers, and even candy. It was very strange, even children refused the candy. Of course, they also refused the literature. I tried offering the gospel first then the candy, and candy then the gospel, but many people turned it both down. Finally, I nearly thrust them into people's hands, saying it was a gift and Merry Christmas. Nobody refused them then.

We have accomplished much at the building, praise the Lord! The wallpaper and repainting are done, and we have decorated for Christmas. The new water heater is working beautifully! We also almost have a full kitchen here! All we need is a sink. We had to purchase another electric heater as it's very cold now. And with the snow we just got (and keep getting!), it makes the building even colder. God provided wood for us, so we can chop wood for the little fire place in the sanctuary.

Last month, one of our first-time visitors passed away. He left his wife and three sons (one of the sons lives in England) behind. The youngest son was saved at our American Kid's Day back in July. He claimed to know the Savior, so we can only hope that he did. (He was saved in a Union Baptist Church, which now-a-days believes in works salvation and is charismatic, so there can easily be doubts about what he believed about salvation. I preached the gospel many times when they attended our services.) They, the Balint family, had just moved to Hungary from Romania a few months before he died. The family has greatly been on our hearts the past few weeks, and today we went to visit them. We didn't intend to exactly. We took a lady who comes to our services nearly every week (Ildiko) home in the neighboring village. After we dropped her off, we continued to drive, and drove into the town where the Balint family had moved. I didn't know where they lived, but I spotted their car and then saw them in front of the house, so we stopped to say hello. They invited us in for lunch, and we weren't allowed to refuse. They were very hospitable and kind, and we had a wonderful time of fellowship together. Please pray for the Balint family as they go through this very difficult time. They are attending another church that is only 5-minutes from their home, as their village is a longer distance from where we are. But we would love to see them in a Bible-believing/preaching church!

Praise the Lord, this morning we received word that another church has taken us on for support! God is so good!

For our printing ministry, we will be purchasing a paper folding machine! A church has donated most of the money for us to be able to buy it! It will save us so much time in folding the tracts and booklets that we print. Praise the Lord!

So right now, we continue to prepare for Christmas. I have created a Christmas video with Christmas carols and information about the church to have displayed in the front window of the building. I was able to set up a schedule so that the special video will start and finish at a certain time. I have an old speaker on the outside of the window hooked up to the screen that is inside so people will be able to hear and see the video. We are praying this will draw people's attention more too. I am very excited to get this set up! On Sunday the 23rd, we will have our Christmas service, providing food and goodies for all who attend. I have posted big flyers on public billboards for passersby to see, and we have invited people to come. Please pray that satan won't hinder the people, and that we will see visitors on that special Christmas service, and of course for people to come to know the Savior!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

In Christ, Jonatan and Elisabeth Andrasik Isaiah 6:8