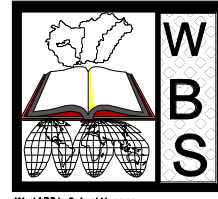


Newsletter



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Foreword

A long time has passed by since I last could write to most of you who receive this newsletter. Though I don't like computerized mail, it seems to be the only possible way to keep in touch with you, the (thanks God) ever growing number of friends and pen pals. If I have to send out mass-produced letters, why shouldn't it be a "real" newsletter? So, here it is, the first issue.

I hope, I may be able to compile worthwhile information on a regular basis)) perhaps twice a year or quarterly. I would be grateful to receive questions from you about Hungary and the possibilities for Christians here. Also, if you know any mission work that is done in the country by the church, please drop me a note.

Personal Update

You might be aware of the difficulties I had concerning the validation of my degrees and finding a job. It is still out of sight when the long process of validation may be finished)) and I still

don't have a job.

Yet, there is a possibility of joining **Operation Mobilization (OM)**, an international, interdenominational mission. Preparations include a July)) August training and campaign in Central Europe, two weeks conference in Holland in September and ten weeks of Missionary Training School starting in October. After that, I will work for one year with an international team in Budapest. Then I will spend another year on another mission field (I've selected Asia as the primary target)) the exact country will be selected later).

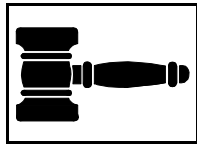
The areas in which OM-Hungary takes part include:

- Ž Serving together with local congregations in door to door evangelism, one to one Bible study and follow up
- Ž Developing further already existing teaching possibilities
- Ž Preparing youth groups for street evangelism
- Ž Teaching seminars in congregations all

over Hungary
Ž Evangelizing in prisons and hospitals

Turgently need at least 25 persons who are willing to pray for my studies and activities and about ten people who are willing to contribute a monthly \$15 or more helping to pay off my expenses. (The greater portion of the needed funds is raised overseas by OM, I'm only responsible for the smaller part of my own expenses.)

New Law Passed



The Hungarian Parliament has passed a new law this spring concerning religious groups. It puts the Church of Christ into a position unable to qualify for the official status of a church in Hungary in the near future.

For recognition they require at least ten thousand regular members or a hundred years history of presence of the church (denomination or religion) within the country. We are of course not persecuted, yet we have lots of disadvantages in such areas as taxation and institutional teaching.

Successful Distribution

I've currently received a package of literature from *EEM* (the printing ministry of the church in Vienna, Austria). There were several copies of the *Easy to Read New Testament* inside and some WBS lessons)) both in English and Hungarian. While searching for employment in

the past months, I met several school principals in local elementary and high schools. I've found them very anxious to receive some free English literature, and they turned out very excited and thankful to receive free copies.

I've been told that Pentecostal (one of the most influential denominations in town) were offering English correspondence courses, but they haven't had Bibles to donate.

The same way, I gave the public library an English New Testament, the ever first one they have)) serving potentially all town and some neighboring villages which would total up to approximately fifty thousand.

Lately English is the most popular foreign language the majority learns in school, but we don't have English literature in the libraries, and most people can't afford for buying foreign books for themselves. I hope to be able to give complete Bibles to the library (possibly in hard covers, so they may last longer). If you have duplicates which you don't need, please, think of those who could use them!

Books Needed

You may recall that I wanted to establish an English library. So far I received only WBS materials and some New Testaments from Church of Christ members. I'm sure, you understand that it would be really essential that I could lend doctrinally correct spiritual books to my friends and English students.



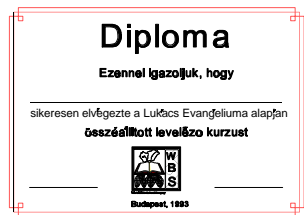
At the moment my library has only a few books of the church which I purchased while I've studied at International Christian University. There are

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit," (Matt. 28:19)

much more books from Ms. E.G. White to Billy Graham, through Mary Baker Eddy on my shelves)) you may understand that I don't want to lend them to most of the persons who ask for them.

Please, help me with books that you don't need any more. Good spiritual books, serious Bible studies, encyclopedias and literature ranging from Shakespeare to *Star Trek* is just as fine as some of your grown up kids' tale books. Many of my earlier class mates have small children who start learning English in kindergarten)) they could use the latter type.

Correspondence Course



Earlier I received approximately 300 copies of a hundred page correspondence course on the book of Luke. It was compiled by international Bible societies and it is in the Hungarian language.

Using my computer (and the help of my expert friends), a certificate of recognition was planned (see figure). The printing would cost around \$1 and the mailing charges of the lesson would be approximately \$1 (in case the student doesn't have any extra question). Perhaps, I could use some financial help on this field too. But I need to ask you, don't send me checks!!! The local bank charges \$20 for cashing each US checks. You may either enclose bank notes in letters or transfer/mail to a bank account I have

opened:

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Write

I'm not the only person who is late with his correspondence: for some of my friends it used to take about half a year or more to answer a letter. (A few are answering so fast that I wonder how did they receive my letter so quickly.) Anyway, whenever you have time, be sure to write me, for I'm waiting for your correspondence.

Until the next opportunity to write you, I wish you the richest blessings of the Lord.



Yours in Him,

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