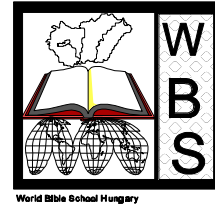




# Newsletter



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**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:**

Three busy months are behind )) I wasn't able to find enough time and/or energy to keep you more informed on what's going on in Hungary. I'm very sorry about that! I would rather send more personal letters to each one of you who will receive this, but I'm not sure if I could finish typing all of them before Christmas. So, once again, here is a newsletter with some updates. Today I can share some very good news with you. (

Thank you very much for all letters, books and financial support. Most of all, I want to say thanks for your prayers. Indeed, that is the most important and knowing that you are praying for my efforts helped me a lot in staying in our faith although isolated from congregations... This time special thanks go to Eddie Cloer, Cecil Hook and the Eastern European Evangelization team.

I'm very thankful for the opportunity given me by Ike and Anita Hamilton. I could join the summer campaign they've organized. I was with the team in three large cities: Miskolc,

Szolnok and Debrecen. It was a great opportunity to teach and learn. I taught classes, preached and did a lot of translation work. Being together with Christian brothers and sisters for three months was a tremendous source of encouragement. But it was also exciting to see how some of our students started to grow in Christ! We've baptized several people )) I personally immersed two in Miskolc. The churches now meet in all three cities and the follow up work is well organized. (That wasn't always so in the past, so we can be thankful that finally things go well!) Missionary couples are visiting on every Lord's Day from Kosice, Slovakia to Miskolc and Debrecen, so the work continues there. Also, I travel to Szolnok and preach there on every Sunday. Perhaps the Szolnok group is the weakest among all three, so your prayers are very much needed! If you would like to share some encouraging words with the brothers and sisters there, please, feel free to write to me.

A few tracts have been translated & photocopied and are distributed now. Also,

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*"And let him who thirsts come. And whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely." (Rev. 22:17)*

earlier this summer I have received back the translation of the tract *The Churches of Christ... Who are These People?* from the proofreader. I've translated it upon the request of EEM, the printing ministry in Vienna, Austria. Meeting many people in Bible classes this summer I discovered that it's a major problem that there are no materials concerning our church and how it has come about. Parents are often afraid that we are only one of the cults pouring into the country. When printed, perhaps, this little booklet can be a helpful material for many. But we need much more Hungarian materials! For instance, an advanced WBS correspondence course would be very important. Then we need to publish spiritual materials, too. Please, indicate to the **elders/leaders of your congregation** that this is something very important they might consider to support.

I received many cassette tapes, too. Several audio tapes were copied and approximately 35 cassettes were distributed last spring. Unfortunately I ran out of funds, so I couldn't buy blank tapes. WBS correspondence course students were still requesting more, but I wasn't able to send them any... We would need more cassettes )) both video and audio )) and more support for this ministry. It could be used very well in the follow up work now when the summer campaign is over.



I can play back American standard VHS video cassettes, and I look forward receiving some. If you have a camera, please, take some time to

record your church/worship service, (introduce some members, say encouraging words and/or sing a few songs to us) so that I may be able to show friends and Christians here what the church is like in the United States. Also, many of our friends are students of the English language, thus they can benefit of any kind of English materials. Therefore, if there's some space left on the cassette, record everyday items )) your street, home, your favorite grocery shop or the latest talk show on tv, etc. Whatever is just an unimportant thing for you might help our students to get a better picture of the US...

The number of books received this year is far below what I've received last fall and winter. Please, continue sending us books! A set of commentaries (on every book of the Bible or at least the New Testament!) and a Bible encyclopedia would be very important. Also, be aware that you need to indicate "gift" and "no commercial value" on the customs label, otherwise, if the indicated value is above \$20, I need to pay 46% customs tax. It happened once in the past, and I hope, it won't happen again in the near future...



I request your assistance in some **specific needs**. First of all, my computer needs to be upgraded, so it may work more efficiently when I'm translating or writing materials on it. Right now printing a page that has graphical applications on it (for example the other side of this page) takes 15-20 minutes. The slow mother board should be replaced and a larger hard disk is necessary. A scanner would be

very handy, too, when compiling study materials, and my old Hercules screen must be replaced by a VGA so that more graphical applications may be used when editing tracts and other materials. But I need *legal* software, too. Bible programs would be very useful. A word Processor that can handle different types of fonts )) for instance, WordPerfect 6.0 seems to be an essential thing for editing spiritual materials. Furthermore, because I need to copy several publications while working for the Lord, I would like to purchase a copy machine preferably within a year. Today it costs at least 3 times more to make a copy than it would cost by having a copier, although, it is true, that there is a very large initial investment involved in having that machine. As of my understanding, the capability of producing high quality documents will greatly reduce printing press charges. Brothers and sisters, effective work is not possible without having the right tools. Please, help me in this area and ask boldly your church leaders' support.

Also, there is an important information on sending in any financial support. In Hungary there is a \$25-35 service charge on cashing personal checks. Earlier this year I have received a personal check of \$50 from one sister in Christ, and I later had to send it back because I did not want to pay that large percent of what she intended to give. (I have never received any mail from the person after that incident...) You should either make a bank transfer or take the risk of sending cash inside your letters. In this latter case the money can be lost easily, therefore, use this method only for smaller amounts. Note, all envelopes that are larger or thicker than normal are examined

)) as the officials put it, for "security reasons," so that neither drugs nor letter bombs may enter the country... If you want to help, please, do it in a way that it may be helpful. Thank you for your understanding.

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Thank you for your friendship and interest in the work in Hungary. There are many lost souls here who may be saved through your kind assistance. May God richly bless you in your life and service to Him. I hope to hear from you very soon.

Your Brother in Christ,

Ervin