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PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the people we have been ministering to for many years—that they would come to know Christ.
• For the people who have come to know Christ—that they would grow in their faith and that we would know how to help them grow.
• For guidance for us to know how and where to continue our ministry.

BACKGROUND

Zoli: I was born in Hungary. I am a Baptist pastor and church planter.

Helga: I was born in Hungary. I teach English and organize evangelizing events.

CONVERSION EXPERIENCE

Helga: I was raised in a non-Christian home and I first heard about real Christianity at a concert when I was 16. Two years later, after attending an evangelistic event, I invited Jesus into my heart. The real turning point came in 1993, when I went to an IM English Camp. I have lived a committed Christian life ever since.

Zoli: I was raised in a solid Christian home with seriously committed parents. I have gone to a Baptist church since my birth. At the age of 15, Christ’s love and sacrifice personally spoke to my heart and I came to Christ. I have lived a committed Christian life ever since.

Our children, Rebeka and Laura, are both born-again Christians! This is a great blessing for us!

IM CO-WORKERS

István and Kati Vágó

MINISTRY FOCUS

We have been ministering in Mohács, Hungary, for 19 years. This includes a church plant, youth group ministry, adult Bible studies and Evangelistic English Language Camps.

We are blessed to witness a spiritual hunger and growth in our youth group, and a growing interest in our adult Bible study group.

GREATEST HOPES IN MINISTRY

Our desire is to expand our ministry in a location that serves this purpose better. We want to take good care of all the souls that have been touched by God’s love so far as well as provide more opportunities to help seekers come to Christ.

BACKGROUND

I was raised in a large family of non-believers, in Plainville, Connecticut. I quit school at a young age to get married. Ten years into a difficult marriage I trusted Jesus as my Savior and He changed my life. A year later my husband came to faith in Jesus and then a number of my family members came to believe in Jesus. Twelve years later my husband went to be with Jesus.

I attended a university while working in a trauma unit of a local hospital. During the summers of 1995, 1997, and 1998, I was a short-term missionary to Hungary, teaching English at Word of Life Camp. I believed God was calling me to Hungary full-time. I attended a Bible school there for two years. After attending Mountainside Ministry Training Center (MMT) in Libby, Montana, I came to serve full-time in Kaposvar in 2002 and I am still serving here.

CONVERSION EXPERIENCE

One day while I was contemplating divorcing my husband, I received a telephone call from a lady who I didn't really know. She was having Bible lessons with a few Cub Scouts (my son being one of them) and decided to call us parents and share the Gospel with us. She shared that God loved me and that Jesus died for me. Romans 5:8 got my attention and that day I asked Jesus to come into my life. With no follow-up it took a couple of years before I asked Him to be Lord of my life. I started reading my Bible, praying, and taking my children to Sunday School and church. A year later my husband received Christ and we started serving the Lord together (ministering to young people and being involved with other church ministries) until he was called Home over 30 years ago.

MINISTRY FOCUS

At present Serving with an European Organization called Compass. The send volunteers to Hungary between the ages of 18-30 so they can learn about and appreciate other cultures. I have been serving with this organization for several years. I mentor three at a time but I also was asked to share my personal faith with Jesus Christ. At first I prayed. I invite them over for meals and special American holidays. I also have special times with the young ladies like nails, makeup, etc.

I also serve with the International Students at the University in town and some who attend the University in Budapest. I serve them in the same way.

GREATEST HOPES IN MINISTRY

My greatest hope is that the Holy Spirit will draw them to Jesus Christ. I pray that God's Word will take root in their hearts. I offer them God's word in Arabic and Turkish. Just these past few weeks I gave seven Turkish Bibles to girls. I believe these days will be the greatest to share Jesus.