



# News from Cluj, Romania

## Szervusz! (Hi!)

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to greet you with this new letter of mine in which I will report about some fresh events of the past few summer months. As I have already mentioned to you, the summer months were one of the most important parts of the year from the point of view of missionary activities and programs. In my previous letter I told you about our camp with young married couples, now I wish to write about our camps with the children and the youth.

With the children and the young people we have returned this year to our previous summer camping place because the participants really loved that place.

There were about forty participants in the children's group and thirty-one with the young people. In the children's camp the activities were structured around the theme "Who is who's not afraid?" Through the stories of Daniel, the children have learned that those who follow God are not afraid of asking for pure food, to not to bow down before the idols, entering the fiery furnace; it is only important to live a life faithful to God. Someone who wants to be faithful cannot live a double life; he cannot do what is pleasing to this world and live in the sins of the world. The children had to face the question whether they follow the Lord without fear and live according to his will in their everyday life.

During the workshops the children painted stones, figures from gyps, and made various figurines from wood. They loved to sing songs about belonging to Jesus and sang with sparkling eyes. I hope that these songs and their message have touched their hearts, and that the Lord has drawn them closer to Himself.



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The theme of the youth camps was: "Who is Jesus?"

During the week we have made attempts to discover this secret with the help of various biblical stories and the Spirit of God. We have searched for one of Jesus' divine characteristics on every occasion. Based on the wonderful fishing story we tried to discover what Peter could have felt from the radiance of Jesus, so that without uttering one word about sin he fell in front of his knees and said: "Go away from me, for I am a sinner!" What is the nature of holiness that is spread through Jesus in the light of which people can recognize their fallen character? In the shape of Jesus commanding the waves, God shows us his mighty Son with his mighty power given for us to save us and help us. The love of God has been shown to Peter and us through the death of Christ on the cross, so that

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Youth Campers

the questions “do you love me more than these” and “do you love me” each one of us should give his or her own answer to.

From the feedback from the question “what has been the most intriguing during this camp?” we have heard things like: “I believe I have come in contact with God”, “I have learned to ask for forgiveness”, “I have learned that it is not always me who’s right”, “the everyday prayer was a real renewing for my heart”, “It was a recharging experience for my spirit”. From these considerations we give thanks to our God that he has visited and found his children in our camp, that the faith of so many people could have been strengthened.

Praise be to God, who has listened to our and your prayers.

It is unfortunate that we have also been tested during this camp which I will shortly mention here. Thank God, the most serious tests have been those concerning myself and not the children. At the end of the children’s camp I got a serious infection in my leg (below my ankle) so that I was barely able to walk. Afterwards I received a serious treatment with strong antibiotics, at first without much visible evidence of healing, so that my



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doctor advised me to stay, or leave for the next camp at my own risk. I



Building the Camp Fire

had to lay down a lot, but my leg has gotten better till the end of the youth camp. I was unable to wear shoes, so that the last evening I went to the camp fire with one foot wearing a slipper and a boot on the other. Then suddenly, a two meter long tree stump which someone set up there (and unseen in the dark) fell on my infected leg. I collapsed from the pain and they had to take me to my room. After medical examination it has become evident that my leg was badly hurt, though still not broken. It took a long time before I was finally able to wear shoes, more than four weeks. But I thanked God this happened to me and not to one of the children or young people who have been entrusted to my responsibility.

To sum up, we worship God that he has shown his presence in our camps and worked in the hearts of so many people. We thank you that you have prayed for us. Please continue to do so that the seed of the word sown in the hearts of these people may grow up and bear fruit, as new lives dedicated to God. Pray that other people feel attracted to our Bible study group and come to meet God there and put their lives in his service that his Kingdom may grow by the day.

May God bless you all, may he care for your needs and feed you in your spirit.

Your brother in Christ,  
Csaba Siko