



News from Debrecen, Hungary

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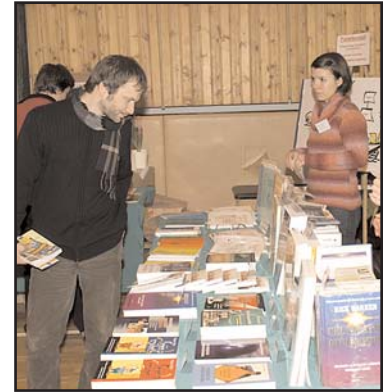


Dear Brothers and Sisters!

I'm glad that I can write to you again, and tell you what has happened since my last newsletter!

We started this season with a book fair the end of January. We were on a 3-day conference called the "Drive Conference". We attended this book fair last year, too.

It was organized by charismatic denominations. For me it is always an interesting experience to be in a fellowship like that. It is so spiritual, different than what I'm familiar with in my Reformed church. It is good because it is always making me think through what and how I believe and helping to refresh me, keeping my Christian life from becoming too 'routine'. I think we all need to think through our faith from time to time. Not just to believe because we are used to it and are comfortable with it. At least for me it is useful. I think we have to be careful with too much comfort.



Our table at the book fair

It is wonderful to see how our God uses this kind of occasion in our life. At first I thought that these kinds of spiritual things were far from me. But He is teaching me through these events.

At the beginning of February our Lord surprised us with a nice car. Our ministry is ten years old now, but we never had a car before. After going through a few hard times and problems, God gave us a five-year-old Opel Astra (with low mileage) as a miracle.

On the 23rd of February we had a Building Party in my church for the youth.

Praise God we have outgrown our church, the rooms we have and the church itself are not enough for that many people. So this spring we are starting a church expansion. That brought the idea for the topic



At the Drive Conference

of the party. There were around 60 young kids and we had so much fun on that evening. There was a quiz about how much we know about our church. It included topics like when it was built, how many people it can fit, who does the children ministry, who is doing the housekeeping, and how much we know about each other. They had to recognize church members and building parts from photos, and things like that. This evening brought back so many memories, as I almost grew up here.



At the Building Party

The next day, the 24th of February, we left Hungary to attend the annual Eastern European Leadership Conference. This was a perfect time for the New Hope family to spend some time together. We returned to the Czech Republic again, but this time we traveled with our car. There was no 22-year-old VW minibus, and no hard time to get up the hills. After the amazing week that we, all New Hope staff, spent together last year, I was so excited about meeting everybody again. Most of

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Giving our presentation at the Leadership Conference

them I haven't see since last February. It was so good being together again! I really enjoy being in their company. They are all wonderful people. It was so encouraging again to hear how God's working through them in each country — the changed lives, the events that made differences and the Kingdom that is being built. The last night, sharing the devotion and the Lord's Supper together, was so touching and intimate. To realize again that Jesus knows my name and he died for me, so I can live. It is breathtaking every time for me.

During this week I felt the affirmation that, after a year, I'm still in the right place; this is where God wants me to be. I'm just so grateful that He gave me this opportunity and honor to be a part of this ministry. During this past year I can see that, because of what I experienced through our work, God caused me to grow so much, and I learned so many things. But I also see that a lot of things are still waiting for me. And that is exciting!

After the conference, on the way back, we stopped in Budapest to attend another book fair. It was a one day conference for publishers. It surprised me how many books we sold! I didn't expect that. And we left enriched with new ideas about how to set up a better book table.

We had safe travel back, God protected us wonderfully! On Saturday in Hungary there was a storm and after that, while we traveled back, there was a really high wind (around 80 mph, and that wind made a big truck fall off one bridge on the highway!!!) But with God's help we arrived safely!

In these last months I watched my kids in the Christian classes and in the youth group grow wonderfully. It is a privilege for me to see them in this process. In the primary school yesterday I taught about how Jesus fed 5,000 men with five loaves of bread and two fish. They all listened eagerly. And I really saw in their eyes how they were impressed by His miracle. We talked about the fact that we didn't need to worry about anything, because Jesus cares about everything, not just what our soul needs (the teaching) but also what our body needs (the food). And they all looked so convinced!



Our youngest reader at the Book Fair

In my youth group, a few weeks before, we talked about how lost we are in this world and how much we need Christ and our church. Here we can find home, true values and peace. They told me that they have a classmate, and they see he has no place to belong; he is lost in the world. They found out he needs Christ, and they want to bring him to a church. But they don't want to bring him to our church because he lives so far from it and that is not good for future attendance. It amazed me how wise they are at this young age. (They are only 17 years old.)

I'm really enjoying every minute I can be with them. This service is a true blessing for me!

I'm so thankful for all your prayers and support. It means so much to me, and without your help please understand that I could not do what I'm doing. You are so important to our ministry in Hungary! Thank you so much!

God Bless you, with love,

Kata

Prayer requests:

- I'm going to a Train the Trainer conference at the end of March. After that conference I will go to churches to help train the children's workers. Please pray that I will learn everything quickly and be an effective trainer.
- We are working on the *God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions* by Rick Warren. Please pray for all the processes that need to be completed before we can go to print smoothly and for everything to be on time.
- In May we are doing a Youth Day again. Please pray that God will touch many hearts and bring many into a true relationship with Him.
- Please pray for more partners to join with us in our ministry in Hungary.

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