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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ from Budapest, Hungary! Praise the Lord, spring is here! We hope you all are doing well and are ready for warmer weather. May the Lord help us all to get busy sowing the Word this summer for a great harvest of souls!

We are off to a great start this year. God has started to bring in folks that have been saved and were looking for an Independent Baptist Church. The two young Hungarian men whom I mentioned in my last update, Hunor and Peter, were baptized and joined our church. We have also had a young man from China, named Dan, attending our services. He had been saved and baptized already, but he was excited to find a church to attend. These three have been faithful to services and eager to study God's Word—praise the Lord!

Hunor loves to pass out literature and be a witness everywhere. On his own he took a trip to the town of Bicske, where there is a refugee camp. As he was witnessing to the refugees, he found some who were already saved, but they wanted to be baptized. This was the start of a new ministry opportunity for us. So far 13 refugees from Nigeria, Pakistan, and Iran have been saved and baptized. Along their journeys, it

has been the Christians who have shown them God's love and helped them with food and clothing. This has opened their hearts to the Gospel.

Since Bicske is an hour from our church in Budapest, we realized the need for finding a meeting place in Bicske. We just signed a rental contract last Saturday for an office space and will be holding services on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. We realize that the refugee ministry will be a short term ministry as most of the refugees are just passing through to go to Austria and Germany, but we also are planning to reach out to the 12,000 Hungarians in Bicske, as well.

Pray for us as we begin this new ministry. Pray for the refugees to accept Christ, to be baptized, to be discipled, and to take the Gospel with them to "preach" to others along their way.

We just finished our annual Bible conference with Brother Wilbur Smith from Oklahoma. Our folks love Brother Smith and are always challenged by his pointed preaching. Pray for Bro Smith as he continues to travel and to preach God's Word around the world!

Praise the Lord, one missionary family (the Marty Arnold family)

just arrived, and two more families are coming to join in the work in Hungary this summer (the Mike Carney family and the Jason Mann family). They will all begin in Debrecen working under Brother Zsolt Kovacs for language and culture training, etc.

Praise the Lord, the Joshua Vickerman family have received their residency permits, and they have moved to Slovenia! Pray for them and the work that the Lord has called them to do! They were a real blessing to us for almost 2 years that they were with us!

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your love, prayers, and support for us. May the Lord Jesus bless you all and give you a blessed spring and summer in the Lord's work! If you are praying about where to go for your summer vacation, come to Budapest! God speed, and keep on plowing! Lord willing, until next time, I'll be...

In the fields,

Jim Pranger

### **Matters of prayer:**

*\*New ministry in Bicske with both the refugees and the local Hungarians*

*\*Spiritual growth of new church members*

*\*Ioan's salvation*

*\*New missionary families—the Arnolds, the Carneys, and the Manns*