



Praise and Prayer

Praise the Lord for:

- Formation and official beginning of Word of Life Hungary's new children's ministry team.
- For a great prophecy conference February 29-March 2 in Backi Petrovac, Serbia with Dr. Jimmy DeYoung. Sixteen indicated decisions to trust Christ as Savior.
- Many evangelistic opportunities over the past couple months, with several thousand hearing the Gospel and a number of people trusting Christ as Savior

Please pray for:

- Ongoing evangelistic opportunities in April and May: especially the upcoming soccer marathon (April 26), Family Day (May 12), Ladies Conference (May 17), and a Born Again presentation in one of the largest prisons in Hungary (April 21)
- Favorable verdict in a current court case with the Hungarian tax authority—the verdict has been delayed several times and will be announced on April 23.
- The Missions Realities team—students from WOL Bible Institute in New York who will be with us April 12-20. They will be doing open air ministry, and going to an orphanage, a public school and churches.
- Preparations for summer camps in Hungary and Serbia. Pray for at least 900 Hungarian campers and 250 Serbian campers. Pray for adequate counselors and helpers and for our counselor/helper training weekend (April 27-29).
- WOL Hungary's finances. A number of staff are raising support, costs continue to rise and the dollar has lost nearly 9% of its value against the Hungarian forint since February.
- Our staff wives who are expecting: Angie Bartos, Szandra Kádár, Andrea Nazarie, and Tabitha Mater.
- For real spiritual awakening in Hungary and Central Europe

Our Newest Outreach

The Holy Spirit worked in many hearts during our missions' conference in January, the focus of which was upon the evangelism and ministry to children. Several of our staff made public decisions at the end of this conference to be available to God for such a ministry. The result of this is our newest ministry – a children's ministry involving puppets, children's activities and fun things, but most importantly, sharing the Good News with kids.



Children's ministry in a school

The programs are action-packed, professionally done and designed to be a maximum of 45 minutes in length – short enough to accommodate a child's attention span and fit into a single class period at school. Perhaps one of the more thrilling aspects of this new ministry is who is involved—almost the whole team is composed of people from the operations department! The team members are Andris (work teams), Laci, (transportation), Zsuzsa (receptionist), Zita (seamstress, housekeeping), Csaba and Kriszti (maintenance), Szilvi (German ministries), Lidia (Serbia) and Csaba (Serbia). What a thrill to see so many of our staff voluntarily involved in evangelism and reaching people



WOL staff puppet ministry

with the Gospel. This team's first program was presented March 13. In all they did ten Easter programs in schools and churches in a two-week period for more than 550 kids. A number of these children made decisions to trust Christ as Savior. Please pray for this new ministry as it has the potential to reach more people with the Gospel than anything we have done to date—including the Born Again drama, which is being presented weekly in places like Hungarian public schools, civic centers and prisons.



Puppet ministry sketch board

Serbia: Focus Of Attention

Kosovo's declaration of independence and its ramifications have once again focused the world's attention upon Serbia. The Serbian prime minister has dissolved parliament as a result, with new elections scheduled for May. These are troubled and uncertain days for this country of eight million people. Yet these are great days for proclaiming the Gospel there. As we wrote previously, we held a prophecy conference with Dr. Jimmy DeYoung in the town of Backi Petrovac February 29-March 2. It was amazing to see as many as 550 people pack the Baptist church there to hear the Book of Revelation taught for nine hours—and many of those who attended were younger people!



Prophecy conference in Serbia

The WOL Bible clubs continue in Serbia, and other youth meetings were held Easter weekend. One result of this was that 10-20 Serbian young people may attend our counselor/helper summer camp training weekend in Tóalmás. This is the next step in the development of a viable ministry among Serbian youth—the development of Serbian leadership that can in turn reach Serbian youth for Christ. As you continue to hear about Serbia through the media, please pray for the people of this country, and especially Serbian youth. They have seen more than their share of sorrow and pain, and

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Serbia team

desperately need hope through Christ.

Staff Comings And Goings



Klári, the Konyas and Nancy

The last couple of months have seen a couple of staff changes at Word of Life Hungary. Klári Váczi ("Szamóca") will be leaving us and moving to Budapest after serving in our guest services department. She plans to remain actively involved in serving the Lord through her local church. She leaves under good terms and with our prayers and best wishes. Nancy Hocking joined us in February. She recently retired as Director of Business Development with a US advertising firm and was living in Arizona when God redirected her life to join us in Hungary. She is serving with our IT department, helping to disciple female staff and students and is a real asset to the ministry here. Paul and Jill Weaver have raised their support and moved to Hungary earlier this year. Paul is our academic dean at the Bible School. Pray for Paul and Jill as

they pursue language studies in the near future.

Our Van--Terminally III

Because of the number and diversity of our outreach ministries, our vans are in almost constant use. Drama, sports, open air, music, children's, Serbian and other ministries all depend upon the vans as the lifeblood of our transportation link, enabling us to share the Gospel with thousands. And our older van is currently in the shop for a second round of serious repairs in the last couple of months. It is more than a decade old and has many, many miles on it. Mechanics have told us that this van will not pass the next inspection, due later this year, without several thousands of dollars in repairs. Because of the fall of the dollar in Europe, a new van will be costly – but we need make this purchase.



Needed: New van

We would like to purchase a new extra length van that will allow us to carry a maximum amount of passengers and give plenty of extra room in back to store equipment. This van will also come with a heavy-duty motor and trailer hitch. The cost—\$50,000! This seems like such a huge sum, but we are very serious about giving every Hungarian young person at least one chance to hear the Gospel in detail, and we believe God will

provide for our need. Please pray for this project—it is immediate and critical. If you would like to give towards this project, checks can be made out to “Word of Life Fellowship” with “Hungary vehicle project 05066C” in the memo section. Checks may be sent to Word of Life Fellowship, Box 600, Schroon Lake, NY 12870.

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