

Menedék Newsletter



Refuge Foundation Hungary

The Lord is good. A REFUGE in times of trouble. Nahum 1:7

June 2014

Elections always

We always elect. It seems hard if we have to do it so often, but we always elect. First every four years we elect representatives to the national Parliament, then to the European Parliament and in autumn we have local government elections. Is this not too much to choose always?

We do it even more often. We are facing crucial and important choices every day and most of the times the choices we make have serious consequences. How many people choose death before getting to know their fetus because this new life has already become a burden for them? Or how many people come to a deadly decision against their own lives and escape from life without hope and prospect? No one should make these choices!

We mean well when we choose leaders. With these choices we express that we have hope in a better future. Choosing leaders means not being indifferent to our future so we want the most eligible person to be our leader.

God has chosen (rather has created) us to be leaders, leaders of life. After all, we all lead in many different ways. We manage our own lives and sometimes others' life as well. We do this with free will, out of our own decision hoping that we will move forward, intending to make our future better and safer. It matters what we do, where we go to, with whom and how! Freedom is a series of decisions and choices. When we build a highway or a railroad we go on those paths for a long time. We build houses to live in them, we commit ourselves when we get married, and we take responsibility when we decide to have children. We freely decide about what we do with our freedom, and we also say no for many other possibilities.

At the same time there is a question: did I get where I am as a result of good decisions? Can I change, do I need to change? How should I do it? Basic decisions should be made well so that later on in the details I could make the right steps according to my abilities.

Without the Bible we cannot be certain about the answers to these previous questions. Without God's Word we are unsure, we have no truth, no

reference point. God has provided us not only free will, but guidance to make good choices as well: "I have set before you life and death, therefore choose life" (Deuteronomy 30:19) - says the Bible. Is this call necessary? Isn't our will to live a natural effort? Of course

it is! It is to everyone. The real question is: what is the life we should choose?

If the lust of the flesh, the pride of the world, the satisfaction of our desires is the goal of our life, we need to know that the Bible says it will lead to death. It brings eternal perdition. But the grace of God is this: who accepts it, receives it and believes in His Word will have eternal life (Romans 5:8). This life does not end even in the cemetery.

This choice can be and should be made once by each person. This is what we call conversion, the decision to accept God. Then we can live the chosen life because this promise has been fulfilled since the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, as a personal gift from God to the believers. What has happened? Your faith has made a decision, you accepted God's gift since you gave yourself, your being to Him. For his will to be done. The result of this is your Life: the new, the holy, the eternal, the satisfied, happy life. You do not have to do anything, you cannot do anything for it or cannot buy it. You can only choose it.





Jesus Christ saved you from death to life. In everyone who experiences this lives Christ, purely: the desires of the flesh no longer dominate. They still exist, but Christ reigns in the heart and the Holy Spirit overcomes the desires of the flesh, the eyes and the selfish man, keeps the heart noble and pure. The heart will have no loss, moreover, will experience full joy and will be complete because its conscience will remain clear. All of the person's everyday decisions will be in accordance with this, and God's personal plan will be fulfilled and come true.

Unfortunately, it does not always happen like this. Why? Because death, the Satan's hidden and open effort is trying to turn his lost position into winning. He wants to get you back. In this earthly world it was given to him to fight and corrupt, to dull and confuse. To make us to forget our good choice and deny the truth about life. He flatters, provokes, and wants to divert our attention from our real values. But the Bible also says that God is greater than Satan who was defeated at the first Easter and He is calling us to victory. We have to hear His call every day: choose life not death! Always choose the presence of God, admit His holiness and power, and accept His redeeming love over and over again. So he will dwell in you.

Our choice has an impact on tomorrow. A blessing or a curse. Our choice is eternal – will have an impact forever. When we choose God we become His ally; even He accepted us, the believers to be His children (John 1:12), so we would inherit everything He has. (The interesting part is that it has been done already! You are an heir from the moment of your conversion.) You can admit, and we admit that this was the best decision – if you have already made it! Choose life!

Zoltán Kovács

Look-out

Here is a brief press review of the recent period. Reports and discussions on the ministry of Menedék Foundation are available on our website and our Facebook page.

"In Bodrog, a village in Somogy county, Menedék Foundation (founded by the members of Budafok Baptist Church) has made a minor miracle." The report with photos can be read on the website of the Nők Lapja Café or on our Facebook site.

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E-NEWSLETTER

If you wish to receive our newsletter electronically, please contact us on the e-mail address above.

Weekly Tea Club

We prepare various club activities for adults and children. We are grateful for the sweets we received as a donation from the Érző Lélek Foundation!



Renovations in Refuge Town

As reported in our previous newsletter, Menedék Foundation modernizes the apartment building of Refuge Town (Menedékváros), using the source of a tender. Find more information on our website: www.menedekalapitvany.hu



The windows were replaced, now the exterior heat insulation is in progress.



One more year for Menedék!

We thank all who reacted to our request for help in December and support Menedék Foundation's work month by month. We are still waiting for a breakthrough in the number of supporters and encourage everyone to join this project to help us.



In the frameworks of the „One more year for Menedék” support program we are looking for supporters who commit to pay a chosen amount on a monthly basis for a year.

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Our needs

We are looking for volunteers to join Menedék Foundation in service according to their talents, skills or education in the following areas: website edition, IT support; creating photos and videos; translation to/from English; storage, physical work.

We are planning on building a new playground for the Temporary Home in Kiskunmajsa for the children who live there, but we are still looking for resources. The children are already excited about this project, a video about it is available on our website.

We are going to build a club room in the basement of the Mother's Shelter for the daily children's bible education. Estimated cost is 2.3M HUF.

We are looking for foster parents! Further information from Ágnes Madarászné Nagy is available on this phone number: +36-20-469-7644

We are also looking for child care staff for the Mother's Shelter in Budapest and for the Temporary Home for Homeless Families in Kiskunmajsa. The requirement of application is to possess one of the valid qualifications listed in the relevant legislation. For application, contact: Mother's Shelter +36 20 516 5876, Refuge Town: +36 20 999 7287.

Volunteers are welcome to join our weekly Tea Club in Budafok to help with the children. Application: Tivadar Molnár (club leader: +36-20-953-4282)

Book Recommendation

Books published through Menedék Foundation can be ordered through our Central Office on the following e-mail address: iroda@menedekalapitvany.hu, or on the following phone number: +36 1 789 0048. The catalogue of our issues is available on our website: www.menedekalapitvany.hu/kiadvanyok.

Géza Kovács: God and History

„History is like the clothes of the Almighty, Holy God. Clothes that he himself designed and made and is making continuously. The majority of mankind, without living faith in God, or without eyes to see in faith only sees the clothes (history). Although it is obvious that the one who designed, made and is making and wearing them is a lot more important than the clothes....”

Price: 2.200 HUF. We provide a 20% discount to distributors.

MOTHER'S SHELTER

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Appreciation

We keep experiencing how our Heavenly Father takes care of us: he has led many to support the Mother's Shelter with donations. This is how we received a new washing machine, clothes, toys, flowers for our windows and other things. Hayran Fitness Kft. gave us a tennis table that our youth uses with great joy. Johannita Support Service – knowing about our needs – sends us donation packages from time to time. We would like to use this opportunity to thank all our supporters and express our appreciation.



Among the burdens of the service in the Mother's Shelter we experience joy as well. Two of the mothers are expecting babies and our days are filled with the excitement of waiting. Also, we will soon celebrate the birthday of a little boy who were already born at "our place" last year.

We regularly post our news and reports on the Facebook page of Menedék Foundation. Follow us on www.facebook.com/menedekalapitvany.

Zsuzsanna Szilágyi

Birth Announcement

We would like to express our joy and wish blessings from God to the Gulyás family, to Andrea and Attila who received a newborn baby girl Zoé Lara in January, 2014. Congratulations!



New staff members

This year started well in the Mother's Shelter. Last year when we were informed that Andrea Gulyás-Kis, our family care staff member was expecting a baby, we started to look for someone to fill her position. During the summer Enikő Sipos applied for the position. According to the circumstances last year she decided to join our Foundation as a volunteer. She served us as a faithful and committed staff member for months when in January she applied again for a family care staff position and decided to be part of our staff members group.

We are still in need of new staff members, but we have hope to soon find someone to fill the child care staff member position.

In the beginning of April Klára Szabóné Papp replaced Andrea Halász in the counselor psychologist position. We thank Andrea for the time she spent with us.

Zsuzsanna Szilágyi

The new staff members of the Mother's Shelter introduce themselves on the next page.

Áron Fülöp

We got married with my wife in 2010 and we attend Kőszikla Baptist Church. I grew up in the town of Székesfehérvár in a family that only observed God from a distance. At the end of my teenager years, after many struggles I accepted Jesus Christ to be my personal Savior. Good keeps talking to me for more than six years now about his plan for my life that I will be serving him as a pastor. With my wife we are both certain of this vision.

This is why it was so surprising when last August God has showed me that our next step is to accept the janitor position of the Mother's Shelter. When I was approaching the end of my studies as a pastor, we were expecting to take on a church soon. But God has convinced us that he still wants us to learn at the Mother's Shelter, to form us and broaden our perspective. These past months we managed to connect well to children. Our goal is to live an authentic Christian life and be an example for those who live here. We appreciate your prayers for the mission of Menedék.

Áron Fülöp



Klára Szabóné Papp

I am a Methodist pastor, the current place of my service is the Kegyelem Methodist Church. It is a relatively new church. It was founded by a Korean Methodist pastor, and his main goal was to reach homeless people. While he was preaching and singing to them,

a lot of people stopped and listened to him and a need arose for them to meet every Sunday. Since then they get together every Sunday at 4pm with a very diverse community in the building of the Felsőerdősor street Church. Well-dressed managers, formerly wealthy, homeless and very poor people attend this church at the same time.

I support his service as a Hungarian speaking staff member for 3 years now. We have regular prayer hours, Bible studies, common meals and other community activities. On the 8th of March this year we became a member church of the Hungarian Methodist Church with a board of elders and some membership.

I heard of the Mother's Shelter through a tender. My oldest daughter sent me a link about it, and I thought it's a good opportunity and I have some free time to do it. I was also excited to practice my counselor degree and skills.

One thing led to another so quickly that in April I already became a member of this very well-working staff group. This area of service is fairly new to me, since I worked before in a retirement home, in a prison and in a Roma church. A huge part of my service in the Church is a homeless ministry, including services with public food distribution two times every week. It is a huge challenge, but I feel that this is the place where God wants to see me and I'm doing what the Bible suggest. Service of the poor: giving food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty, dress the naked up, visit the sick and those in prison.

I want to do my best as long as I have the strength to serve the mothers, the children and the other staff members.

About my family: with my husband who is a retired Methodist pastor we have seven children and seven grandchildren. They benefit from us moving to Budapest, since we used to live in Dombóvár which was quite far from them. This way we see each other more often which is a great joy for us.

Klára Szabóné Papp

MEN'S SHELTER

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Reach-out on the streets

As a member of the Budapest Homeless Consortium these last months we kept receiving young boys to from the streets who mostly find their place in our community, find work, go to school and are busy working around the house. The full capacity of the shelter is used, in the wintertime we had even more people at our place than the number of places we have: we were trying to give all the help we could to these boys so they wouldn't have to stay on the streets. In 2013 we provided service for 46 men (mostly young people) out of which 27 boys came directly from the streets.

Reading device from donations

About a year ago we posted a request of support to be able to buy a reading device for the visually impaired and the blind. After a couple months we had enough money to get this device, but we faced some administrative challenges with the social security system. Finally, in March 2014 we bought the device and gave it to Attila, who attends a blind institution. We are grateful for all the donations we received to this request and that you supported the studies of Attila!



Everyday joys

We receive almost every day baked goods and hot meals as donations that we eat together for dinner. These dinners give us an opportunity for conversations, community building and to get to know each other. We are grateful for the people and companies who support us with food.

It happens more and more often that people knock on our door looking for workforce. "Is there anyone who could help out today with some gardening?" "I'm looking for someone to do some construction work for a week!" And there is usually someone among our residents who are happy to get a chance to work. By now most of our residents work as security guards, trained workers, gardeners etc. With the money they earn they provide for their needs, cover some of their expenses and some even save money.

Dinner guest in the Men's Shelter

Our goal in the beginning of this year was to invite a guest to dine with us at least every second month for a Saturday evening. We ask our guests to tell us about their story or share thoughts that are able to build us and help us through the hardships of our everyday lives. In February our special guest was János



Szeverényi, a Calvinist pastor who shared his testimony through the story of Zacchaeus: „...our flaws are always greater than others'... at least that's how we feel. We are like Zacchaeus. He the despised, the corrupt, the greedy. Improvement, new perspective and change came into his life when he met someone”.

In March our guest was Zsolt Hokker. The next piece is about that evening.

Gábor Liptai

„For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” (Eccl. 3:1)

In the March of 2014 we received a dinner guest again in the Men’s Shelter. Zsolt Hokker, a Calvinist pastor from Budafok came to visit us. After listening to our previous guest, our residents were excited to have someone with us again. I was really happy that lately their first priority in our everyday lives is not to watch music competitions or reality shows. There is a need for quality events and conversations in the Men’s Shelter. This is a huge change.

After a brief introduction and testimony, Zsolt Hokker continued on with the Bible verse quoted above. He spoke about the Love of God, and that despite the circumstances, we shouldn’t consider being in a Menedék Foundation facility a tragedy. Here we hear about God and have an opportunity to meet Christ. Now might be the time for this, here in the Men’s Shelter. At the end of a joyful and fun evening, we were left with Apostle Paul’s powerful question: “what or who can separate us from the Love of God?” Even as a believer it was a disturbing question to think about how many things are more important in my life than building my relationship with God.

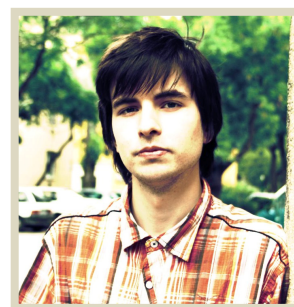
We could grow, be nourished and receive hope that night. Thank you!

Pál Bartolák



Balázs

“After the divorce of my parents my mom died, I was 19 that time and I was studying in high school. I had a bad relationship with my father, so when my mother died



I was stuck alone in a dorm room without anything. I was a wreck because of my mentally ill parents. I closed up and became depressed. I couldn’t continue on with my studies so I lost my dorm room too. That’s how I ended up homeless and in October, 2010 first moved to the Men’s Shelter of Menedék Foundation. The walls built up in me needed months to be torn down. Thanks to the residents of the Men’s Shelter and the tenacious work of my counselors I started to socialize again and became more and more open and started to speak to the other residents and the staff. I had some previous knowledge of the Bible, but I started to read it with a new perspective. I also started to look for a job and I managed to work for 4 months in the Auchan as a shop assistant.

At the end of 2013 our relationship with my father became even worse. He started a fictitious property law case against me that pulled me down completely and it seemed like I’m losing everything I have fought for for a long time. My relationship with God – thanks to Him – was solid. In the end I convinced myself to start to attend a Christian church where I liked who young Christians approached God. I started to look at the world from a different point of view.

God’s answer to all this was that I received a paper saying my father is cancelling the case he started against me. God’s existence and providence became real to me. I long for a closer and more personal relationship with him, and I want to attend church services more often. I want to get to know who God is.”

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Spring events

As the spring is getting closer, we folded our sleeves up and took a deep breath, because we believe that God is happy to see people putting effort in their work so he blesses us with good fruit and vegetables. In March, in the Refuge Town we have started our regular fruit and vegetable planting season to grow cucumbers, cauliflowers, tomatoes, peppers full of vitamins and other than that we plant flowers to amuse our eyes and souls. These beautiful flowers will surely bring tears in mothers' eyes and the ones who love onion can cry during the whole season without stopping. Same goes with our front yard which we happily take care of and keep beautiful to welcome our guests always. For us working outside where air is fresh means the true love, care towards others and community.



Also, in spring it's time for everyone to fall in love, love which God gives us also. We are pleased to announce that our colleague Margó Fodor has decided to get married with her partner. We all were happy to be a part of their wedding ceremony and sing with them a true love song; "I live to wor-

ship you, my Lord." We wish here as well for Margó and Zoltán to have an amazing and delightful life that is a testimony of true love to the world.

After the initiation of two mothers, kids dressed up for carnival and entertained us with tales, on our private raffle game no one went home without a little surprise. Meanwhile the mothers provided us with delicious sandwiches and cookies to make us all happy.



The local government of Kiskunmajsa invited us to be part of the 15th of March (revolution day) celebrations. We were glad for this opportunity since it's one of our priorities to build a strong relationship with the city.

We also ask you to pray for Refuge Town's playground to be built up. This place which is used for so many children's activities from spring to the fall is now empty. We are still looking for tenders and opportunities but until now without success.

In April we handed in another tender to be able to build a parking lot in front of our building for our staff and guests.

Although summer still seems far away, we are already collecting ideas to make this summer useful and fun for our children.

György Antal



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Dilemma of being a helper

In other words: Which is better, to help or not to help?

Two years ago we got to know Sándor, a 59-years-old from a village nearby who came to us.

He had been working on a government-owned property as a farm tractor driver for 18 years. At the end of the socialist era he had to give his job up and started to work as a construction worker. He lived in a workers' hostel for a while, then rented an apartment. When he was 56 years old he lost his job. After that he was doing seasonal works but couldn't finance his life anymore. He moved in with his brother who then unfortunately died really soon. He couldn't maintain financially his brother's flat so then the court took it away from him. After all these hard times he lived in an old woman's house for one and a half years and he was doing handyman work all around the house to help the woman. But then he started to drink and had to leave. He found a small bungalow where he could live. Soon the property's janitor found him and encouraged him to apply to us and he moved in as the winter was approaching.

He seemed cooperative when we tried to provide him with advice. At first, he was shy and timid. But by time, he found his daily routines and his appearance got better too. His behavior was appropriate and didn't drink alcohol. He had a great relationship with his roommates, he was open and friendly in community times. He took his pills normally. The only problem left was that he had no income. Our institution provided him with food, clothes and medicines.

After some struggles we managed to get him his retirement money. He got money on his hands which was a huge change in his life

again. He again started to drink and ignored the importance of taking his medicines. We had to call the emergency at times because he felt seriously sick. Sometimes he had to stay in the hospital for days because of his health condition. He turned out to be very ill when doctors found out he had cerebral vascular occlusion. After the treatment, he got back to us and he was in a great condition again. By two or three months his behavior changed again, he started to drink and didn't behave like he used to. Everything just happened all over again. His medical papers said "strict alcohol ban", because he even happened to faint one time and didn't remember anything afterwards. Ever since he had his retirement money he's been spending it on useless and harmful things.

So after all we started to think whether it was good to get Sándor his retirement money or not. We wanted to get him a better life, but it just got worse. His health conditions are awful and so is our relationship with him. This is a huge dilemma. When he had nothing, he was healthy and had no problems, and by us wanting him to have his own money and life it all just got destroyed.

We always tried to explain him that drinking will make things a lot worse, especially his health and recovery.

Last time he got a written warning which we put also on his wall hoping it will help him to think clearly. We check on and keep an eye on him every day. Even he wants it and expects it. Since his latest accident he feels that he can lose his life anytime. We hope we can save him, but we need his better judgment as well. Find God could be the final solution for him. Then our help would get a meaning as well.

People can be helped only if they want to be helped.

"Helping others may get you into trouble. Help anyway! Give the world the best you have, they may slap you in the face in return. Give the world the best you have anyway!" (Mother Theresa)

Anikó Tóthné Frank



Finding my home in Refuge Town

My name is Károly, I'm 23 years old. I have physical and a less severe mental disability. I have 4 siblings. Our mother left us when I was 6, still unknown where she might be. Our father raised us for the next 1-2 years, but since he was ill he got into a nursing home. Unfortunately he passed away. I got in a children's home with my siblings, during the past years, I lived in 7 different children's homes. From the 5 of us, 2 of my siblings are still in orphanages because of their young ages. One of my step-siblings stole all my saved money. This situation has been under trial.

Since I got out of the children's home, my life was full of struggles. After a few months I got kicked out of everywhere. In 2012 I found help in Refuge Town.

My life took a turn because I have a home now. Here people accept who I am, and I'm satisfied and safe.

Károly has helpful and cooperating behavior, he was able to pull his life together. We are helping him to find a job which he is really excited about.

The goals of Refuge Town Baptist Church

The spiritual nourishment of refuge town residents is our responsibility, we are trying to provide a spiritual church home for them. In my opinion people who live in Refuge town needs a special amount of encouragement, help an accepting family environment. We are happy to see that both old and new residents gladly attend on our church services.

Our liturgy is not very strict when it comes to church services, at times we get together at the church, other times in the dining room or other places. And when the weather gets warmer we even worship outside. We all know that God cares about what's

inside, appearance is not as important as what we have in our hearts.

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me."*

Psalm 51:10-11.

Our worship events are interactive: people can freely ask and share their thoughts. At times they argue and we need to deal with the conflict. But in the same time, we don't forget that "everything has to happen with courtesy".

Our goal is to reach more and more people at Refuge Town and in Kiskunmajsa to spread Jesus Christ's Gospel. Our specialty is that we have Bible study groups every day, because of what Acts 2:46-47 teaches us.

"Therefore, my beloved ones, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (1Cor 15:58)

Plans of our congregation

We plan to have an excursion to Kiskunhalas to visit the Kiskunhalas Baptist Congregation. The Baptist congregation and residents who come with us on the trip will have a joint morning worship service. The Baptist congregation expressed their joy over our visit and offered to arrange games for the children that are coming with us so they would have fun too.

The Kiskunmajsa Roma Congregation also contacted us to have a worship service and praise the Lord together with them. In their congregation there are converted people who would happily get baptized so they asked for a place from us to hold a baptism. We are looking forward to meeting them as well. Besides we invited the pastor from "Sófár" Messianistic Jewish Congregation who will be with us one Sunday.

Péter Csaplár



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Birth of a new church

The “Great is the Lord” Bodrog Baptist Church is holding its services since autumn 2013 in Kéthely in order to teach and encourage God-seeking people in the Home of Disabled People. The church was officially established in February as part of the Bodrog Baptist Church missions. One of the establishers wrote:

„On 16th February, 2014 I had the honor to establish the Fountain of Love Baptist Church of Kéthely with my brothers and sisters Dorkás Madarász, Irma Lázi, Margit Lázi and Tamás Bartokos.

We were really looking forward to this day! With my friend, Tamás, we were thinking a lot about the name of the church. I wanted the phrase „love” to be in the name of the church, as this symbolizes our theater and the human relationships in that. The others thought that the phrase „fountain” should be in the name, so we decided to name it the Fountain of Love.

The fountain of love is our almighty Father, the Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, and us, who are given this love and it is our duty to pass it on. And see the miracle! Love divides, the more you give to fellow people, the more remains to you.

The aims of our church and the theater are similar. The aim of our theater (the Sándor Imre Theater of Love) is to play for the glory of Lord, because he is the one who gave us talent, to help the fallen people with theatrical tools. The message of our plays is trying to help people go find God. Our church is also trying to help – as possible – the disabled. I cannot wait to get into the work in Kéthely.

Attila Szendrő

Our needs

Due to the enlarged number we need two larger classrooms in the school. We can achieve this by converting one of our service flats, because the conversion of the attic is very expensive due to the fire protection. We also need to build a warehouse. Let us pray to the Lord for the money needed (17 million HUF). It is a reason for thanksgiving that after many years, the floor of the gym has been finished. We handed in a new tender that can help renewing the energy saving system of the castle, and we are waiting for the decision.

Ottília Selmeczi

Introducing ourselves

Andris, Noémi and Barnabás – we are the Tóth family. We have moved from Tóalmás to Bodrog on the first of March. We originate from Kárpátalja (Ukraine) and we have been living in Hungary for five years, and we have Hungarian nationality. We were volunteers in Tóalmás in the Word of Life Bible School Hungary Foundation where we lead the music sessions. We are musicians and music teachers. Noémi is a music teacher and I teach the trumpet. Our hope is to take advantage of our knowledge in Bodrog.

How did we get here? We have been feeling for a while that Tóalmás is not the place for us to live, but we did not have another opportunities. We decided to pray every day for a new opportunity, for a new door to be opened if God wants us to move from Tóalmás. But we did not say anything about this to anybody. We did not have to wait a lot because I had a musical rehearsal with Dani Dan, who said that without telling us that he spoke with the leaders of the school and the church about us and if we decide in the future to move, we are welcome in Bodrog. In this moment I told him what did we pray for last day. Everything was clear for both of us. This happened mid-December and we moved in March. My plan is to teach the trumpet from September in the music school and Noémi, as our child allows, will also join the work. Until then I am looking for a job and we are trying to get into the life of the church and the village.

András Tóth

We have been to Northern Ireland

For more than ten years we have relationship with our brothers from Northern Ireland. The friendship was getting stronger as the years have gone by and spread out for the church and the family as well. The intensity of our relationship is shown by some Northern-Irish-Hungarian marriages being made in the last years. Lots of Northern-Irish groups have come to Bodrog to help in the construction works and to take part in the summer camps, share with us their financial possessions, be part of the community in good and bad times. When we received an affectionate invitation to spend a week with them with a smaller service group, our wish was to be able to give something in exchange for the lot of blessings they gave us. We left to Belfast with 26 people of our occasional choir and music students. We put about 50 pictures made by our students into our luggage. An exhibition from these pictures was held in the location of the concerts.

After our arrival we continuously experienced that although we went to serve, we were served the whole time, we went to give, but we were getting a lot more. They arranged us some nice trips and we were especially thankful for seeing to rain but only blue skies. We thank the Greenwell Street Presbyterian Church, the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church and the Dungannon Presbyterian Church for their constant prayers, to welcome us with the love of Christ and that we could become stronger through their faith.

Gábor Juhász



SAS Foundation

We are able to open a donation point in Kaposvár in April 2014, where we can pass on the unnecessary but still usable things brought to us for the ones who need them because of their financial circumstances. From the money received we buy food and we hand it out to our supported people. Thus our initiative serves more purposes. We save the nature by reusing things became unnecessary for people and help people in difficult financial circumstances. Moreover we give work for those working in the donation point. Our service is being supported by the Hungarian Baptist Aid; the donation point in Kapsvár is the 8th in the country. The wood needed for the furnishing of the room is being donated by a building trade company in Kaposvár, as well as the outer commercial, which is the present of a decoration company in Kaposvár. The things necessary to the upload the donation point were delivered by István Erdei. Thank you very much for your selfless help!

Hereby we would like to appreciate again all the help of our supporters. We wish them to have a life blessed by God. We believe that God would send the money needed. Thanks for the prayers also!

Norbertné Erdei

Community of Foster Families (NECSAK)

In the circumstances of NECSAK there has been changes concerning the number of people: in the beginning of the year there was a change in caring a youngster, and the Erdei family adopted twins, Lola and Lidi (2,5 years), and their 14 year old brother, Gergő. The children came from a difficult situation, they need much love and encouragement and there is a lot of work with them for the family.

The new modifications in law did not bring change yet, there were many interested, but no new foster parent did appear. We would like to do the work with perseverance, and we are waiting for the future with a prayerful heart.

Ágnes Madarászné Nagy