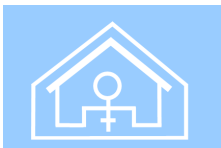


SHORT NEWS

Refuge Foundation Hungary

February 2015



Happened to us...

At Christmas in our institutions intimate, familiar ceremonies were held. Churches, businesses, bakeries, pastry shops, as well as individuals helped in gifting our residents. We had the Christmas dinner together. Emphasis was placed on the real message of Christmas: it demonstrates God's love when He came to us in human form.



As guests of the month, János Papp assistant pastor of Baptist Church Budafok in December, and Árpád Sztasák member of Budafok Baptist Church in January visited the Boys' Shelter. The boys prepare for these special evenings, we had good conversations.

Sándor Lezsák visited the Refuge Town

On 5 December Sándor Lezsák MP of the region and Vice President of the Parliament, visited the Refuge Town. György Antal Head of the Temporary Home for Families introduced the local service, current modernization works and plans of the Refuge Foundation.



Community of Foster Families

In 2014 there was an increase in number at FFC as three children arrived in the Erdei Family and a young adult returned to after-care to the Dan Family. The new task means another challenge, and requires greater devotion. Anyone who feels that God gets Him/Her to the foster family care service, please contact us at the following telephone or e-mail address: Ágnes Madarászné Nagy (06-20-469-7644, madaraszagi@gmail.com)

Anna Bokros, who came back from child care to strengthen the central administration in part time, looks after the professional executive responsibilities. Welcome back Anna! :)

Creating jobs

We have a successful new project named "From the SHELTER of the homeless to the SHELTER of work" to support the Refuge Town in Kiskunmajsa. Last November a new program started in the framework of TAMOP-1.4.1-12 / 1 (government found) aiming to lessen high unemployment among unskilled young people under the age of 25, which is a great problem in the region. The project is 12+3 months long, based on a budget of 19.883.679 HUF. Homeless young people participating in the program gain work experience, which makes it faster and easier for them to find a job in the future. This is essential for them for their reintegration back into society.

Rebirth of a building

Last year as a result of the Tender Programme within the framework of the New Széchenyi Plan we have achieved a significant progress in renovation of the residential building of the Refuge Town. After the reconstruction barrier-free suites, public spaces, medical rooms, laundry rooms and offices will be constructed in each institution.



Prayer requests

- At Budapest and Kiskunmajsa more than 130 people are looked after (single adults and families with children) we would like that the time spent with us to make a real difference, a renewable life for them!
- At Bodrog the congregation is waiting for new pastor. Let us pray to find the person who besides the spiritual work can take part in duties of the church with responsibility.
- The renovations at the Refuge Town at Kiskunmajsa is close to an end. A major step was taken to improve the quality of housing and to reduce the maintenance costs. Let us pray for the accident-free realization, and the cover of the unforeseen costs.
- We would like to find the man whom God send to us to perform the caretaker duties in the Refuge Town.
- We are in a difficult funding situation. The amount of normative state aid has not increased for more than 10 years. We are grateful for the supporters and volunteers of the Refuge Foundation. Let us pray for God's care, the future of the service and growth of the circle of supporters.
- The modernization of the plumbing is being planned in the Mothers' Shelter, we are looking for the source of the investment.
- Let us intercede for the staff and the volunteers of the shelters to carry out their service through listening to God and when they get tired the Lord grant renewal of their lives!

Support

„One more year for Menedék!”

We are grateful to the Lord for the care of our supporters who made it possible for us to survive despite the lower level of government funding. Now at the beginning of this new year with new challenges and new responsibilities, we ask our supporters (if they have the option) to stay alongside of us and continue the monthly support. In addition we want to increase the number of employees with people who are willing to serve at the Foundation. Therefore we ask everyone to “spread the news”: we gladly send our newsletter anywhere by mail or e-mail and on the facebook.com/menedekalapitvany site we regularly share our testimonies, news, experiences of joy and difficulties. We are thankful for the perseverance and for the sacrifices of our sponsors!



Tax 1%

We thank everyone who has offered the 1% of his/her Personal Income Tax to Menedék Foundation before. The amount of money received was 431,838 HUF in 2013 and 771,439 HUF in 2014. Please support us in 2015 as well with your 1%! The received amount goes to the support of temporary shelters and provides homeless people and families, small children with daily help.



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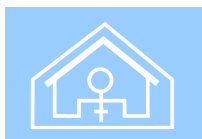
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Testimony

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Basically, I come from a family of disbelief. My parents divorced when I was three years old, my father was put in prison. Until I was six years old, my grandparents looked after me. After freed, father married a woman who struggled with alcoholism. When she was drunk she brutally beat me even for small things. I often went blue-green to school therefore, when I was fourteen years old I was taken away from them. This was the first time I met the true God, but I could not call my own this kind of life, because of my teenage rebellion.



I was wandering, telling lies to my foster parents. When I was seventeen years old my foster parents released me, because they did not want to force their lifestyle on me. At this time I felt like I was set free, and do not have to meet any rules. I did what I wanted: cigarette, alcohol, partying, girls, rock music, and later drugs. For a while it seemed that everything was very good. My relationships were ruined, because I was unreliable, I did not like to work. Others supported me, and I became homeless. I gave up on myself, disgusted from the person I became. In such a state I went to Verőce, to a healing conference nine months ago, organized by the Reformed Church.

Here God confronted me with great truths held a mirror to me. I asked Jesus at the end of the week-long time to come into my life, but I did not feel the happiness of liberation. I did not understand why. I came back to Budapest, prayed a day through: "God, show me what's wrong with me, please cleanse me." I met my mother, to whom I lied a lot for months, for example: I have a job, everything is okay with me. I wrote her a text message that I do not promise her anything, because I have never kept a promise, I asked God to wipe her tears that I caused. She later replied: 'You are not alone, my son, things will fall into their place once, but only if you let God be the best Father, best teacher, best friend, walk this path and you should not go down this road '!

At this moment I was broken: I do not deserve neither such a mother, nor the grace of God, because I kicked God and I went after my own foolishness. I slumped on a bench, asked God for forgiveness, my childhood pains were ripped, I felt God's love cuddled me. I wept for a while, and when I was able to stand up, I cried out: My ego has died! God expected me, to admit with an honest, broken heart all I have committed.

Then happiness and peace filled me which so far no one has been able to give me. Further I moved to the Boys' Shelter of the Refuge Foundation. Here my spiritual growth has been continued. God led me up to the decision to commit myself to Him through baptism.

The most important event in my life happened on the 16th November 2014. As a member of the Baptist Church in Budafok I got baptized. Since then the presence of God gilds every day. I know He has a great plan for my life, I want to walk in His ways because God is good!