

Hungary Connection

Challenges & Answers

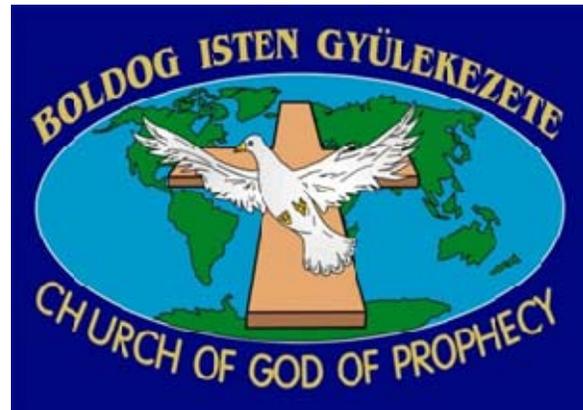
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Dear Brothers and Sisters of COGOP,

Greetings from Hungary. On behalf of all my colleagues, I would like to wish you a very blessed and successful New Year.

We want to give you a brief summary of our activities during 2014. Though Hungary, located in the very heart of Europe, has been delivered from Communism more than 25 years, it is still challenged by enormous social and economic problems. A large number of the society, especially the lower educated Gypsy population, has been impoverished due to



unemployment, and cannot find a way for a more successful life. With all our activities at *Church of the Happy God*, we are trying to reach mostly the Gypsy people and offer them the answers the Bible has for the problems in their lives.

We believe the Word of God preached by the anointing of the Holy Spirit is able to heal, restore, and edify their lives.

Church Community

“We believe from the bottom of our hearts that there will be a great revival among the Gypsy people in Hungary and by God’s grace we will be a part of it.”

Senior Pastor László Rupa has been in the ministry for more than 20 years now. He is the founder of the Church of the Happy God. In the beginning of his ministry he had established several churches in Hungary and worked alone for years until he chose

and equipped presbyters and pastors to take part of the ever-growing work.

Pastor Rupa and congregation joined the Church of God of Prophecy in 2000. Since that time,



COGOP has become a great supporter and encourager of the ministry in Hungary.

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Currently, we have 15 churches in Hungary and lately in Ukraine, and Pastor Rupa works with 6 pastors and 9 presbyters. Altogether there are over 400 people going to these churches, which are very much characterized by vital services and a zeal for saving souls. At every meeting, we pray for the sick and demon possessed people and, as a result, experience a great number of healings, deliverances, and other miracles among the people. The majority of believers are

Gypsies, but also an increasing number of Hungarians attend the services. Pastor Rupa strategically goes to new areas with his ministry team to target and reach Gypsies. Right now, we have two new church plants in nearby towns. Due to the active outreach work, we baptize around 120 people each year. In order to make disciples of the new converts, we have conducted an ongoing Bible School since January 2014.

The church has started a mission work in a nearby town, and as a result of these outreach efforts, there are now regular church services in this town every Friday with about 30 to 40 in attendance. These new believers are not yet baptized, because they are not ready yet to receive it.

Baptismal Services



In 2014, we had several baptismal services. One of them was held in August in the front yard of Pastor Rupa's home. As many as 14 new converts have decided to have their old lives be buried in the water grave. These people were from the churches of

Kunszentmiklós and *Szabadszállás*, including two of Pastor Rupa's grandchildren. These baptism services are always a great time of celebrations about what the Lord has been doing among us.

Major Conferences

Each year, we hold two major conferences in Hungary. The latest conference took place on the 20th of December in Kunszentmiklós. There were around 300 participants from many different places including pastors and ministers from other churches. The guest speaker was *Goran Dojchinovski* from Skopje, Macedonia. During the 4-hour meeting we had testimonies, worship, and a Christmas performance by the youth team of Kunszentmiklós church. This was followed by preaching the Word and many people came forward to be prayed for healing, repentance, and deliverance. After this we invited everyone for a reception (agape).



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Jasz County Churches



In Hungary, the ministry of the Church of the Happy God is done in two main areas—one is under Budapest, capital of Hungary (in Kunszentmiklós and the surrounding villages and towns) and the other is 120 km east from Budapest called Jász County. Pastor Olivér Fórizs was ordained last December to be the pastor of the churches. Olivér is a young man who was, from his very young age, raised “at the feet of Pastor Rupa.” He is working shoulder-to-shoulder with Pastor Rupa and is doing a sincere ministry in these churches.

The church of Jászapáti is active in helping needy people of its community.

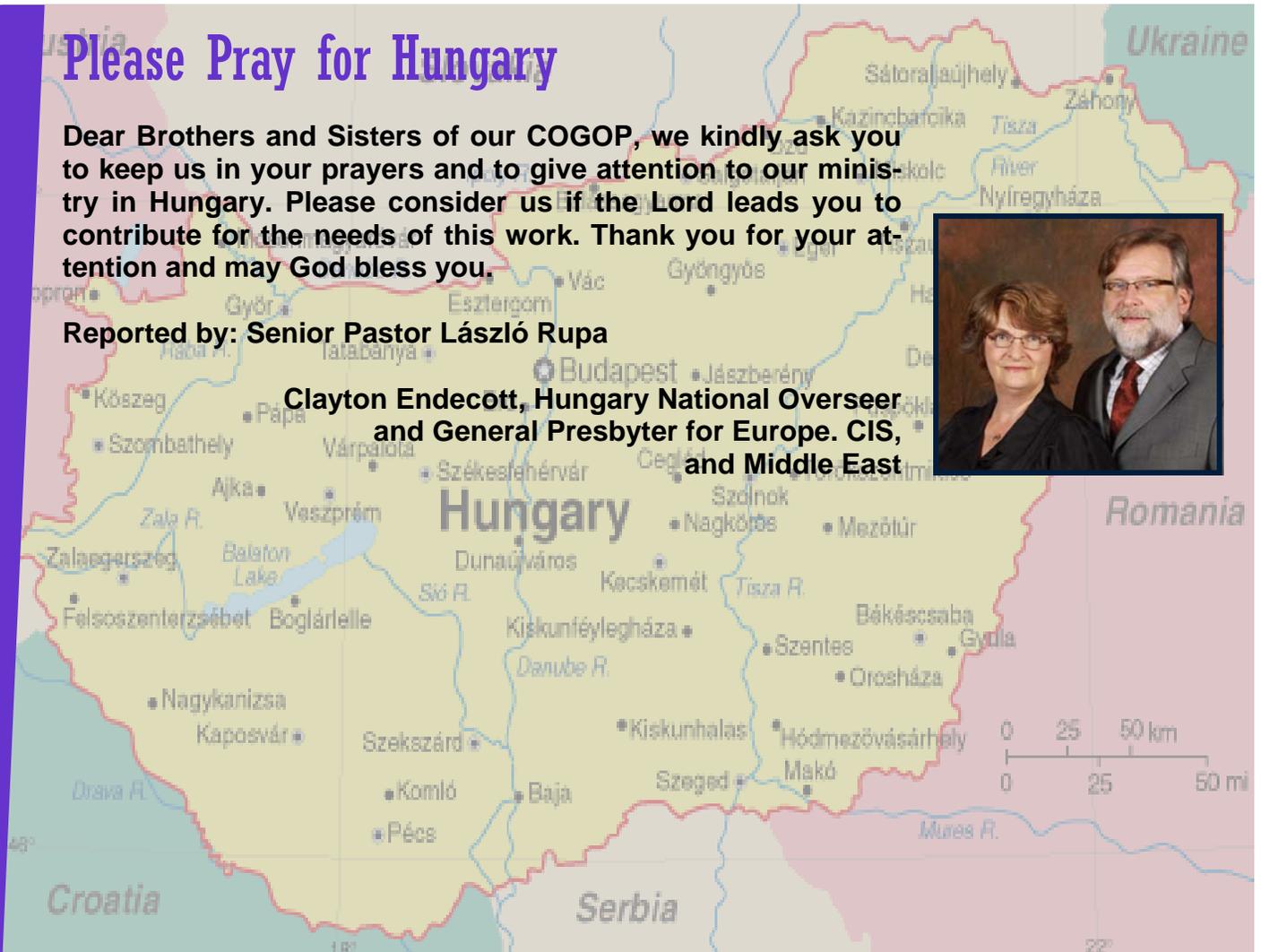
This winter the church had a public announced charity distribution of clothes and food in the town Jászapáti. There were over 250 people who received help. The sisters of the church prepared tea and langosh (fried dough), the brothers made parcels of clothes.

Please Pray for Hungary

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our COGOP, we kindly ask you to keep us in your prayers and to give attention to our ministry in Hungary. Please consider us if the Lord leads you to contribute for the needs of this work. Thank you for your attention and may God bless you.

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