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PRIVILEGED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

Prayer

- The CHE Hungary Team's work with their partners in four Ukrainian refugee programs.
- Ongoing Kingdom advancement with our Community Health Evangelism teams throughout Central Europe and the Balkans.
- Ron and Jeannie's church visitation tour of North Dakota, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan, May 5 to 22.

Praises

• The many doors God is opening for us to proclaim His Word in these last days.

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

MATTHEW 25:21 (NIV)

Dear Partners in the Ministry in Central Europe and the Balkans.

The worldwide COVID plague is hardly over, and our attention is now forcibly switched to the wars and rumors of wars in Europe. It is so comforting that our Lord Jesus told us to "see to it



Roma and Ukrainian families from Ukraine

that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come" (Matthew 24:6). Then He frames these unstable times in the terms of worldwide missions! "And this Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (24:14).

We are so privileged to be in the work of preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom in Central Europe and the Balkans in these days!

UKRAINIAN REFUGEE RELIEF WORK

First a word about our part as the CHE Hungary team in ministering to Ukrainian refugees. Some 300,000 of them are seeking safety in Hungary as the terrible conflict rages in their home country. Since our primary mission here is doing Christ-centered community development in impoverished communities, we decided not to set up our own relief program for refugees. **Instead, we have**



selected and formed partnerships with four worthy church relief projects:

- Debrecen Baptist Church in Debrecen, where 10 to 40 refugees are sheltered, fed, and ministered to spiritually and psychologically for several days to several weeks before they are transitioned to their desired locations around Europe.
- 2) Petofybanya Baptist Church near Hatvan, where a similar program is in progress.
- 3) Zsambok Church, also near Hatvan, that is being prepared to house two families.
- 4) Leonard Hanykovics, who daily brings supplies of food and necessities from countries surrounding Ukraine to the Ukraine border. There he is met by valiant workers from the Munkacsevo Church in Munkacsevo, Ukraine, where 150 displaced Ukrainians are being sheltered.

In addition, the CHE Hungary team is responding to emergency needs for assistance. For example, two weeks ago, we took a vanload of food and toiletries and did a pre-Easter program in a government-provided camp in Zamardi.



Pre-Easter meeting with refugees in Zamardi.

We witness that this is a very trying and confusing time for these people of Hungarian, Ukrainian, Roma, and Russian descent who are caught up in a crisis that makes little sense to them against a background of centuries of ongoing ethnic conflicts.

Let me encourage you to take a long view of this crisis. We are truly amazed at the outpouring of financial support and prayers. Please be prepared to continue to do so as this war continues.

KINGDOM ADVANCEMENT IN MACEDONIA, BULGARIA, AND SERBIA

Jeannie and I spent much of the months of March and April engaged in mostly encouraging Kingdom-expansion endeavors in the Balkans.



The men from Meksiko celebrate putting the 10-ton water talk in the tank house they constructed.

We started off with planning meetings with our Community Health Evangelism (CHE) teams and leaders in North Macedonia. We spent a day in Prilep surveying the progress on the water projects in the villages of Meksiko and Three-Three. Several NAB churches have invested in this venture that is very close to being completed in spite of COVID and a snowy, bitter winter. We were most excited to see the openness to the Good News of Jesus Christ among the villagers. A big celebration and dedication is being planned for the grand opening this spring, with evangelist Jimmy Polikarp speaking on the Water of Life. We cannot wait for that day!





Ron teaches at the Bulgarian CHE Vision Seminar.

Next, we moved on to Nova Zagora in Bulgaria, where we were finally able to do a two-day CHE Vision Seminar for 20 Roma pastors and church leaders. God has blessed us with a mature and very capable and gifted champion pastor to help lead CHE in Bulgaria. A training conference for pastors and future CHE workers is now scheduled for October 9 to 14, with many enthusiastic sign-ups.

We met up with our ZZ Serbia director and NAB national missionary, Marijana Čizmanski, in south Serbia to do another CHE Vision Seminar in the Roma community of Zaguzanje. Roma who have come to Christ through CHE work in the village of Lebane-Mahala have made a commitment to be trained to start a similar project in Zaguzanje. New Christians in Zaguzanje will be the "persons of peace" to support this new work! Exciting!

YOU CAN'T BEAT THIS!

Maundy Thursday this Easter week was especially meaningful for Jeannie and me. For two years,

COVID has prevented us from visiting the Roma community of Nadalj, Serbia, where CHE volunteer workers Emil and Klara Kisgeci have been patiently sowing Gospel seed. During COVID, this seed has produced six new believers. On Maundy Thursday, we had the marvelous and moving experience of sharing the Lord's Supper with Emil, Klara, and our new brothers and sisters in Christ in Zoran and Ivana's humble home. You can't beat that.



Celebrating the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday with new believers in Nadali, Serbia.

TRAVELS IN NORTH AMERICA

On April 26, we came back to North America. We will be traveling in North Dakota, Manitoba and Saskatchewan on a tour of NAB churches from May 5 to 22. We look forward to seeing you folks in our supporting churches! We will be in the States until mid-August, when we return to Hungary.

For His Kingdom come!

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