

## **„Soli Deo Gloria” – Reformed Baptist Church Budapest, Hungary**

### **News- and Prayerletter, second semester 2018**

*„Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (2Thessalonians 1,11-12).*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is a pleasure to share with you news about our ministry covering the second half of 2018. We have continued to see God’s grace and support in the different areas of the ministry. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave us the wonderful calling of sharing the gospel among the people in Hungary, has sustained our efforts and has given strength in carrying out many tasks. In this second half of the year we have gone through some turbulences making us more aware of the ongoing spiritual battle and deepening our commitment to vigilance and dependence on our Almighty God.

Looking now back to this second half of last year we see the blessings which came upon our churches and want to give thanks to our faithful Lord appreciating also your prayers and support of any kind which you have shown to us.

1. In Budapest, first of all we have continued our outreach work by passing out leaflets and brochures on the nearby square and pursuing personal conversations with people. We counted 60 visitors during the whole year, among whom 42 first time visitors. The record on a single worship service was 10 visitors on a Sunday morning in September. Among these there are 5 persons, prospective members, who want to join the church soon. In Debrecen, after starting regular services on Sundays and Thursdays in the newly dedicated building, the work has been growing having seen regular visitors and Sundays. The church there has grown numerically with one man being joined to the membership who was a laypreacher in his former church. He is now taking his share in the regular ministry.  
In Milejszeg we have continued the regular bible-studies, once every other week. The brethren there have counted it a great joy that a Christian lady from the Ukraine has moved in the area and has asked now for membership. Please pray with us for more spiritual efficiency by the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the visitors.
2. Next to this, we have continued our book ministry having translated several books. Among them two books by Dr. Masters, *Physicians of Souls* and *Not like any other book*, and one by Clarence Sexton, *What every mother must teach her children*. We are in need of sound literature dealing with family-life, child-raising, etc, as most of those on the market are dipped in secular psychology and not in the Scriptures.  
Recently we have accomplished the translations of the Psalms and other twelve hymns from the Psalm&Hymns of Reformed Worship book’s Appendix. We are now in the process of learning gradually to sing all of them. A great desire of me has come thus in fulfilment.
3. Regarding the congregation itself I want to mention that we had our first wedding ceremony and also we experienced the joy of two babies being born. We have now seven small children. The prospective restarting of the Sunday School in Budapest has come very nigh as two children turn now five.  
Another reason to rejoice is that Sunday School has already started in Debrecen with four children of school age and is improving week by week.  
The children ministry has continued in Milejszeg too, having become a stable point in our ministry there.
4. A major concern for us now is the purchase of a proper place for our congregation in Budapest. After almost seven years of activity in rented facilities it seems that the Lord

has given us the opportunity to move on with buying a building for that purpose. We have found a suitable place just 100 meters from our present site, but the owners (different Credit Unions) are involved in some legal problems, which they need to sort out. This has slowed down the whole process requiring much patience from us. But the church-members are united in prayer and the Lord was gracious to give us tokens of hope when the progress seemed sometimes to have come to a halt. You can be of much help to us by interceding before the Lord in this matter.

Below you see the place we intend to purchase, situated on the ground floor.



5. Other occasion of blessing for the church was Chris Cooper's visit from the London Metropolitan Tabernacle in Budapest and Debrecen last September coupled with an international fraternal having participants from Romania, Hungary, Ukraine and Austria. Everyone here was greatly encouraged by our brother's ministry. I would mention also the newly established contact with the Reformed Baptist Church in Wetzlar, Germany, which I could visit with my whole family last August. As continental Europe witnesses just a couple of such churches, a personal relationship among us is a great blessing. Another reason for gratitude is the recovery of the Reformed Church in Zilina, Slovakia,

after the heavy turbulences caused last year by losing its pastor in a sorrowful way. Together with two pastors from Trinity Baptist Church in Montville, New Jersey, USA (Pastor David Chansky and Pastor Steven Hofmaier), I had the privilege to contribute to this recovery. Having left behind most of the difficult issues, the church in Zilina is now finding back to its former vigour and zeal, but the road ahead of them requires much perseverance and wisdom. You can join with the members there and with us in praying for this congregation.

Finally, please accept our gratitude for your kind support in prayers and several other ways. The Lord has strengthened us many times realising that we are part of His large family united in Christ and by the many prayer which we offer before His throne for each other.

May the Lord enlarge His kingdom among you all and sustain you with His Spirit in all your spiritual activities.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Miki Chiciudean