

News and Prayer Letter February 2024

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The last three months have been eventful, sometimes difficult, although we can see the Lord's hand through it all.

One of the long-standing need for our members is for their physical well-being. During the past year, a few have suffered bodily ailments of one kind or another. Remember Mrs. Kinga Chiciudean who is still recovering from the effects of radiotherapy from mid last year. Thankfully, she is out of danger. Máté Tóth, one of the brothers pioneering the other Reformed Baptist Church, and who also at times steps in to help with our ministries is currently going through his third round of chemotherapy. In December, one of our members had a severe car accident. Thankfully, he too is out of danger, although still visibly weak. Some have had a few other mild health issues. Please pray that the church members would be kept healthy and not hindered from performing their daily duties smoothly.

One event that caused us some difficulty revolves around the loss of 6 people from the church membership. The formal membership is now down to 20. Despite the difficulties, we have not forgotten our Lord's words to the apostle Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness". We pray that we would continue to experience a real sense of the presence of the Lord through all these.

We have continued our usual meetings, the two Sunday services, the midweek prayer meetings and bible study meetings. Currently, studies from the book of Jeremiah form the main meal from the Lord's Day, as Pastor Miki Chiciudean preaches through it in the mornings. We are hopeful that the Lord will sustain, encourage and enrich the church through these teachings. In addition to these, we hope that we can take full advantage of all the means of grace that the Lord has so wisely bestowed upon His church during the period of our sojourning. We are thankful that brethren are taking up the hospitality ministry more. To encourage deeper fellowship and brotherly affection, we pray that more can take part – a challenge considering the times that we live in. There's been efforts to revive the common Sunday lunches, for which we are thankful and pray that it can achieve the same goal. We hope we can also stir up more individual and family prayer in addition to the Monday corporate prayer meetings.



Sunday lunch
on 26th
January, 2025

The work of evangelism also continues regularly. Sunday evening services continue, where the main focus is to encourage 'seekers' in showing them the way, and to call the unconverted to faith in Christ Jesus. Tract distribution also continues every Sunday from 4.00pm, the goal of which is to invite people to the evening service. In connection with this, we truly thank the Lord for opening a door for the gospel as sometimes we meet people who are curious and open to talk. The pre-service prayers from 4.45pm continue, again which is meant to commit the service to the Lord, and to plead for conversions from the preaching of the Word. Aside from these corporate efforts, members also tend to reach out to family members and friends; some are invited to church events from time to time. Pray for fruit from these efforts also. Through the leadership of Viktor Frank, newly appointed Pastoral assistant, the evangelistic Sunday School and Youth Group meetings happen regularly.

The book translation and publishing ministry has resumed after a short hiatus. Two books are soon to be published: "Proving Charismatic gifts have ceased" by Peter Masters and "Christian Basics" by John Hall and Oliver Allmand-Smith. We are also preparing to publish our own hymn book. At the same time, the revision of the Károli version of the Hungarian Bible, done in cooperation with the Trinitarian Bible Society (TBS) also has resumed. The first book to be published will be the Gospel of John.

May the Lord Jesus Christ receive all the glory due His Name.

On behalf of Pastor Miki Chiciudean,

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