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“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end” (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

“I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread” (Psalm 37:25)

“When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me. May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord, when they hear what you have decreed. May they sing of the ways of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord is great. Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar” (Psalm 138:3-6).

Nowadays the words above mean great encouragement for us, since they are not human words but the words, the promises, of God.



The family

Despite several bad news, it is often uncertain how to go on. If there is work in the future, God has not turned his back on **István** and Gyula, and they have been working continually. Because of the latest news, the future is a huge question, but we know by experience that God will provide for their work, too.

Anna's dental work is also influenced by the pandemic waves, but perhaps she is sometimes overburdened at her place of work. Her daughter, **Fanni**, sadly took notice of the fact that the schools have had to continue the school year online, that's why she can't go to school and meet her classmates personally.

Rózsika's surgery was successful. Her convalescence has proved to be long because the doctor who performed the surgery became infected with Covid (he did not know it, it turned out only after the surgery), that is why Rózsika had to go to hospital where her Covid test turned out to be positive. She is already well, though her knee would also need a surgery. Her husband, **Endre**, went into hospital at the end of January because of his complaints and infirmity. Owing to his diabetes, in his amputated leg the presence of a bacterium became dangerous, therefore, to save his life, his leg needed to be amputated at his waist. Sepsis spread on in his body, the doctors tried to help him with dialysis, but his kidneys gave up on 6 March. God took him home, preventing him from suffering more pain.



His funeral service will take place in the cemetery of Dunakeszi on 20 March.

Csaba P. had very good results at the end of the school term, so he is waiting for his mature exam with much hope, and of course with diligent studying beside his lots of work.

Vali along with her daughter, **Liza** (a tenth-grader), are waiting excitedly for Nori (husband and father) who, we hope, will be released from prison on 28 March after serving his sentence.

Laci Sz. could experience God's mercy in how He has helped him and has saved him from the serious consequences despite his messed-up past, so that he can build his future with his family (**Bea**, the five-year-old **Móni**, and the 16-month-old **Fanni**).

Zoli J. has been able to do odd jobs, but it is necessary for him to work somewhere officially, too.

Martin has been working as a security guard since December and moved to Budapest a couple of days ago to start a new, independent life. Let us pray for him so that his independent life should not mean living without God!

Construction

Although the new construction is still hindered by Covid, in the house two bathrooms need to be renovated owing to the repeated leaks. Gyula and István undertook the task; they will soon start the work.

Our church and services

We are invariably 15 or 20 people coming together in the church on Monday and Friday from 7 p.m., and on Sunday 10 a.m., those who anyway meet nearly on a daily basis. Due to modern technology, we can use the Zoom platform for our bible hours, prayer sessions, and our church services.

Children's Christmas

Because of the pandemic, we prepared for a simpler Christmas without memorising a scene. We even got to the point of cancelling the Christmas celebrations but in the end decided to use Zoom instead. We hoped to reach this way such people also as do not come to church. It was broadcast from the ERA [Hungarian Evangelical Radio]; we sang several beautiful Christmas songs sharing their lyrics, had a puppet play shown by the permission of the Palánta Misszió [Plant Mission], then we all remembered Jesus's wonderful birth with some thoughts expressed.

French relief, clothes and bread distribution

The coronavirus has hindered lots of things. Despite the situation, we keep transporting and distributing clothes, furniture, and household appliances at our disposal, but not to their usually large extent, since there is no possibility for that for the time being. To our great pleasure, the relief of our French brothers and sisters arrived on 3 November. No

sooner had we managed to put it in our storehouse then our storing permission was terminated. The mayor with the leadership of our town were ready to help us and permitted us to continue our work in empty, confectionery factory buildings at their disposal.

The condition of the buildings is tragic: they have been empty for a long time,

during which people have stolen many things from them (ironwork, cables, etc.) leaving behind plenty of rubble and dirt everywhere. There are no longer electricity, water, and lavatories in it. We have had the possibility to have electricity by using a cable. Therefore, from the first week of January, we have been successfully and continually making efforts to be able to do this work. Marcsi and Margit get huge credit for the fact that we can plan today our clothes distribution by the end of March, and on 20 April we can receive another relief from our French brothers and sisters.



Bread distribution is done continually with few people, outside in the garden. We are grateful for a family growing vegetables whose donations help the poor and our foundation as well.

Sowing and Reaping

Because of the pandemic, we have had the magazines wrapped in private houses and at the ERA. Whoever volunteered, we took a portion of it to them, later collected the wrapped packages. This is the way we are also preparing for the next amount now.



Prison Mission

Owing to Covid-19, we have invariably been able to keep in touch with detainees only through correspondence. The prison chaplains are still overburdened. Let us pray for them! It is a novelty, an opportunity, that we may send recorded church services to the prison chaplains which this way may be watched by the inmates via the CCTVs.

Our Christmas celebrations were also cancelled; however, the chaplains asked for a lot more Christmas packets (1500), which were distributed in the cells with the help of the guards, since they (the chaplains) could not organise huge celebrations, either.

Paul, our American missionary brother, also keeps in touch with the inmates through correspondence from his home in the USA.

As we noted in our previous email, Our missionary worker, **Zsuzsi Rostásné**, is again in hospital after two months following her successful surgery, because of the metastasis in her body. Our God took her to Heaven, where Jesus has prepared a wonderful place for her.

Feri Deák, our brother in the prison mission, also passed away.



Thank you for having prayed for us until now; we ask you to continue it in the future, too, as we need it very much.
We thank you your financial support as well.

Szabó József and Éva (Jóska & Vicus)