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**“Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria.” Amos 6:1**

**“You lie on beds adorned with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves.” Amos 6:4**

**Dear Brothers and Supporters,**

Every day, to practise the language, I read one, short, French Bible study. The Bible verses today were the above, and they touched me so much.

The day of the Ukrainian relief transport was the second and third of September. The preparation, authorisation, transport, and the border crossing all were a long and difficult process, and I got really tired; at the same time, many tasks remained to be done at home, too. So, at first, I thought my report can wait...

Then came the questions: carefree life, lying on a bed, lounging on a couch? The verses judged me, since there are still so many people in need in Hungary, and even more in Ukraine, who need support. Therefore, I do not want to lie in bed. God gives me strength, and I owe you for your prayers and other support with this report, too. I very much need prayer.

## UKRAINE

We (Gyula, Zsolt, Vicus, and me) would have started with a Dodge, and with two Ivecos lent by the Hungarian Baptist Aid, along with two trailers, transporting approximately four tons of relief (clothes, shoes, blankets, kitchen utensils, booklets of the Gospel of John, etc.) at nine o'clock, on the second of September, but one of the Ivecos had to be replaced owing to mechanical problems, which took several hours. We are grateful to God for our Baptist brothers, who with love lent us the cars and the replacement. We are also grateful to Zsolt for his many phone calls, patience, and quick management.

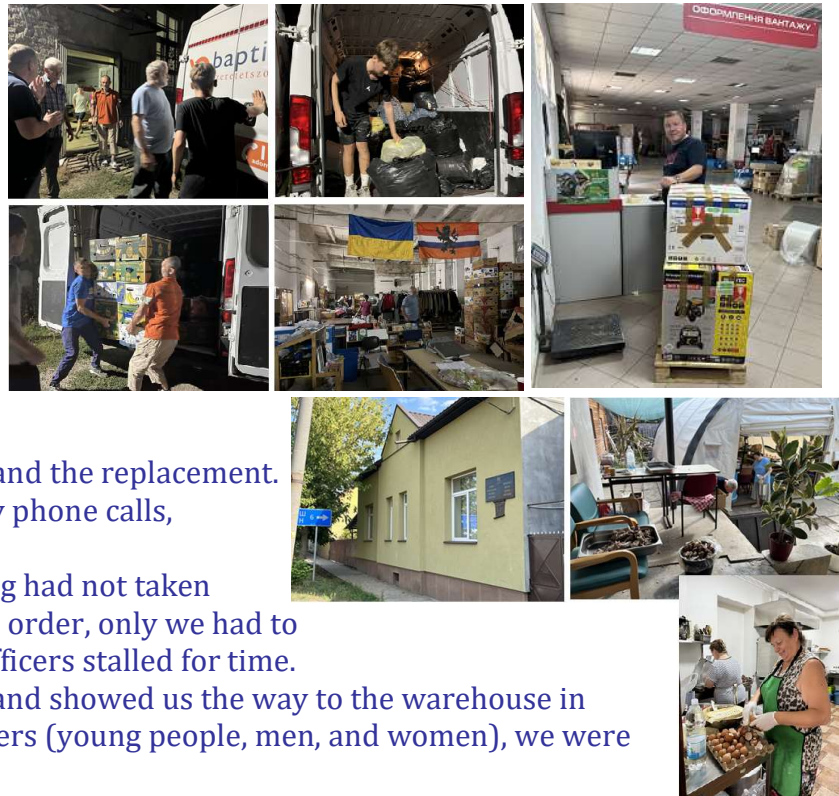
The journey was difficult; border crossing had not taken so much time for long. Everything was in order, only we had to wait for a long time, since the customs officers stalled for time.

Bálint was waiting for us at the border and showed us the way to the warehouse in Berehove, where with our diligent brothers (young people, men, and women), we were able to place the relief transport.

Zsolt started back immediately, but unfortunately he had to wait for five hours at the border (between midnight and five a.m.) when finally he could enter Hungary. It is sad that his loss of time was owing to Hungarian customs officers again. The next morning we sent a genset and a printer to Cherkasy via a delivery company, which arrived one day later. Our journey back proved easier at the border, too.

We think it important to inform everyone about the fact that financial donations sent to us (French and Hungarian donations: 4 million HUF, approximately 10 000 EUR) were transferred in advance to the brothers so that they could buy ingredients at a cheaper price there for daily cooking and lunch distribution.

Bálint Negro is responsible for several Hungarian congregations; he arranges the distribution, keeps in touch with Ukrainian leaders and offices, teaches in the congregations, while his wife's parents are



attended. He was our guest between 11 and 13 September. He visited us to speak at the Újpest Baptist Church about the circumstances in Ukraine, about the distribution of donations, and to talk over with us their specific situation, needs, and problems. Bálint struggles with several diseases, beside his plenty of work, and now he has even more tasks at home on account of the worsening health problems of his wife's parents. The devil never sleeps, so another difficulty is that his furnace broke down, therefore, to provide the necessary warm for the old sick parents means even more tasks. We found a good furnace for sale, but it costs 2000 EUR which we do not have at our disposal.

I do not know when God sends us to Ukraine again, but the next relief transport is being collected in banana boxes.

Clothes, shoes, blankets, and kitchen utensils have already been distributed in the following places: Berehove, Bene, Nove Selo, Gut, Tiszaújfalú, Vynohradiv, and Korolevo.



Pictures taken in Sub-Carpathia, Ukraine, will soon be shared on Google Drive.

## PRISON MISSION

In September consultations and conferences also began again, involving prison wardens and prison chaplains. It is a great pleasure to us that the Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters, in the light of the experience of June evangelisations, is open to evangelisations, waiting for the active participation of missionary workers in the prison ministry. They are looking forward to the visit of the German group next year, too. It is a good thing that we can prepare Christmas celebrations for the prisons, too. We need brothers who will take part in these programmes.

We must start singing practices in our congregation as well.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

Soon we start to prepare for the Christmas programme also (play, rehearsals), held at the Bárdos Lajos Primary School.

## THE FAMILY, TEMPORARY HOME

**Bea** no longer works at the school canteen, she is looking for a job; her daughter, Móni, is a fourth-grader, her other daughter, Fanni, is still a kindergartner.

**Rózsika's** situation is worse; she struggles with many diseases; she needs more and more attendance. We look for the place where she could receive attendance tailored to her needs.

**Zoli J.** is looking for a job again. It is a great disadvantage for him that in the building industry he can't work full time officially.

**Zsolt** married his common-law wife, so Rózsa has also moved into the house with her grandchild, Marina (18), whom they have been taking care of for a long time.

**Laci**, after a German place of work, quickly returned to a workplace here. He can work again soon. The firm called him back; he is counted on very much.

Our new resident, **Attila**, who was regularly visited by our missionary worker in the prison, accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior. It is God's great miracle that following his conversion the judge permitted him his discharge to move into our home. He already has a job, he is diligent, working with precision, so he does not easily get days off; he has to struggle for them.

Heating and warm water is still secured by pellets in the house on account of the high energy prices. Sadly, prices increased, but we have to provide heating material for the following months as well. We are grateful that the boiler is working properly now. An application was submitted for the repair and

replacement of the roof. We do not yet know the result, but according to preliminary estimates, even if we receive money, the sum needs to be completed by us. For this we also ask for your prayer.



Thank you for praying for us until now; we ask you to do it in the future, too, since we need it very much.

**József Szabó and Éva (Jóska & Vicus)**