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Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? **You must follow me**” (John 21:22). The following words of Jesus to Peter—What is that to you? You must follow me.—addressed me and judged me, giving instructions under my everyday circumstances. The problem is not that I see chaos surrounding us in our country, in the world. We are not blind, and in my opinion, it is important to see wrong directions, but at the same time, do I seek Jesus? Am I aware that nothing can happen without His prior knowledge? **“But he stands alone, and who can oppose him? He does whatever he pleases. He carries out his decree against me”** (Job 23:13–14). Am I ready to put my bitterness and fears into His hands and follow Him, trusting Him completely, and do what He requires of me?



RETROSPECTION

Children’s Christmas

In the local Bárdos Lajos Primary School, we had the opportunity to share God’s wonderful message with our youth in a play with songs on Sunday, 17 December. “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). There came many children with their parents; the room proved small; **this year perhaps we should have the Christmas celebration in the auditorium.** We are again very grateful for the place in the school where the Christmas performance could take place. We are grateful to the principal for this.

In the **prisons**, in Martonvásár, Budapest, Tököl, Balassagyarmat, with many inmates we could celebrate again Jesus’s birth, proclaiming the wonderful message of salvation with God’s Word, testimonies, and songs. Our presence in Baracska, in the morning of 24 December, was longer, this way we had a special opportunity following the service. With the prison chaplain, some of us were allowed to meet about 300 inmates in their cells, giving prepared packets to those of them who had not been permitted to participate in the service for all.

We are grateful for the donations, the calendars, and the books, from which we could make 600 packets for the children and the inmates. Our plan this year is also to organise the celebration and evangelisation to take place on 24 December.

Though our mission had several difficulties and problems in the past months, as I see we have the possibility to continue and strengthen regular missionary work in the prison ministry within the renewed prison system, with many discussions and negotiations. I very much need—we very much need prayer support.

SUB-CARPATHIA

The Biblia Centrum Alapítvány [Bible Centre Foundation], with the support of others, received 48 children and 20 adults with 2 bus drivers from the war zone, the town of Nizhyn, Ukraine, <https://maps.app.goo.gl/koRd2pgkLd1DRHMq6> between 26 August and 5 September to give them rest from the monstrosities of the war. Here is a video about it:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRPZ_BErE_M

Last time we transported relief to Sub-Carpathia was in October two years ago. We had several problems with our vehicles and the trailer; and because of the circumstances in Ukraine, we waited for a call, an opportunity for transport.

We received the following call and request in the past few days: “We don’t have enough clothes, shoes; food is very expensive; we very much need your help and very much wait for you to build our community and to encourage us.”



With hearts full of prayer, we are preparing to go to Sub-Carpathia with a relief transport in several cars and a trailer on 26 October to visit some churches. Changes took place as to the official papers of admittance. Our brothers in Mukachevo see about the necessary papers. The relief transport on the set date above depends on them.



THE FAMILY

István K. still has problems with his health needing regular treatment, but he faithfully does all the tasks for the management of the home. He is responsible for warm water supply and heating, which give him many tasks especially now when heating is already necessary, and the work with the pellet boiler is time-consuming.

The knee operation of **Rózsika** was cancelled. Surgeons do not take the risk, this way she has to struggle on with pain.

Bea still works in the canteen of the school, and beside the hard physical work she faithfully rears her children, bearing the burden of her place of work.

Her older daughter **Móni** has made much progress in her studies; I myself has heard from her teachers many good things about her.

Fanni is a kindergartner; she has made much progress too.

Laci moved to us from the drug rehabilitation centre in April. He could find a place of work, but unfortunately he again started to drink alcohol, therefore now he is in a locked facility for a while.

Zoli J. works officially in the building industry.

János L. got married and moved out.

Attila J. began his 22-month imprisonment in January in the Vác Strict and Medium Regime Prison where he is an inmate faithfully holding on to the Lord Jesus. He is in contact with István by phone and correspondence continually, sending good news about himself.

Szabolcs M. came to us from the prison in Baracska for his reintegration custody. God supports him wonderfully. He has two children with whom he can be in contact by phone continually. It is good to see how he is seeking the Word of God, and how God has been helping him so that he can work and see his children. For all these things he needs court permission, and he obtains them.

Zsolt T. moved to us a month ago because of his difficult circumstances. We can find out together God's plan to his life.

A devoted married couple or family would be needed in the house, who would strengthen the huge family with their presence and Christian mentality.

CLOTHES DISTRIBUTION, PROVISION OF RELIEF

We find that more and more people need support and help in our country too. Thank God there are still many people who donate second-hand clothes, utensils, and appliances, but their quality is lower. We ask donating people to sort out clothes and appliances since we find many pieces that can no longer be useful as they are broken or out of order.

CAMPING

This year we could again spend a pleasant week in Dömös with the Word of God and experience our loving Lord's presence, and the blessings of informal community. We were and are grateful that diseases occurring during this period in the past years avoided us now.



ENERGY, POWER, GAS, PELLETS, VEHICLES

Prices of the power, the gas, and the water increase—for organisations the rate of increase is higher than for individuals—but by the grace of God, through your support, we have always been able to pay our bills. As colder spells set in, we began heating using the pellet boiler. Now the boiler works properly too. Our **Dodge** could do many tasks and transports. We managed to have it repaired too. A car crashed into our Toyota Hiace, and the insurance company declared the microbus a total loss. Its future is a question; we still negotiate with the insurance company. We are grateful for the



Honda Jazz which proves great help in doing our tasks.

Our trailer could no longer be used properly, therefore selling it, we have bought another one; this way we can transport relief to Sub-Carpathia safely. The canvas for the trailer is being made.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Vicus's mother passed away to Heaven at the end of March. Her funeral service took place on 3 April. Taking care of her meant much physical and spiritual hardship for us, still, her absence entailed hard days. It is good to know that where she went, there she met our Heavenly Father and lives there without any pain or disease, and that we shall meet her again. We thank you that you prayed for us during the months while she was being taken care of.



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

We thank you your financial support as well.

József Szabó and Éva (Jóska & Vicus)