

Reaching the whosoever will of:

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Happy New Year! Boldog Új Évet Kívánok!

As we welcome in the new year of 2016, often we make some resolutions of all kinds from eating more healthful foods to learning a new skill or beginning a desired hobby. Hungarians have their own way to welcome in the new year as well. Instead of new years resolutions, they have a variety of traditions and rituals.

New Years Eve is also known as the day of Szilveszter in tradition of Hungarian Name Day. (To read more about Name Day, see the article on page 2.) Preparations for the evening gatherings begin anywhere from two weeks before to the afternoon of December 31. Families usually celebrate together at home as restaurants close by 6:00 PM, but festivities also take place in public areas. Noise emitting devices are used as they are believed to scare away evil spirits. Fireworks and firecrackers are also very popular on this night.

New Years Day has quite a few superstitions that are observed to ensure health, wealth and happiness for the coming year. Many superstitions involve food:

- ~ Lentil soup is eaten in abundance. Lentils are the symbol of money, so the more you eat, the richer you will be.
 - ~ Do not eat poultry. Chickens bury good luck.
 - ~ Do not eat fish. Fish will swim away with luck.
 - ~ Do eat pork and it will bring luck for the year. Pigs dig the luck out.
 - ~ Do eat strudel (rétes). Your life will be as long as the sheets of stretched dough
- Other New Years Day traditions include lists of "do's" and "don'ts":
- ~ Don't take out or throw anything away from the house (even trash). Wealth and good luck are believed to leave the house with it.
 - ~ Do give small gifts to each other such as four leaf clovers and good luck piglets.
 - ~ Do allow chimney sweepers to come sweep bad luck away for a perfect new year.
 - ~ Don't have arguments, don't do laundry and don't sew. These are considered to bring bad luck throughout the year.
 - ~ Don't see a doctor and you will stay healthy all year long.

Now most of us have heard of such superstitions even here in America- Don't walk under a ladder: it brings bad luck. Don't break a mirror: not just some bad luck but seven years of it. Though these things should be avoided for safety reasons only, we know the folly in following such traditions religiously. Jeremiah 17:7 says. *"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is."* **We can only find hope in the Lord.** How

wonderful it is to know that our hope comes not from anything we do, but only in what Christ has done for us on the cross of Calvary. And because of that, may we all have a HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Cooking the Food of Hungary Makes These Children Hungry!

Missions Conferences are a great time to spend with the church members, and this also includes opportunities to teach the youngsters of the church about the country God has called us to. One such church in Massillon, OH asked us to speak to the children about the food of Hungary. How fun! We decided instead of simply telling the kiddos about the food, we would involve them in making this tasty treat that can be made as breakfast, a dessert or a mid-day snack!



Palacsinta, the Hungarian Crepe

Traditional Hungarian crepes are thin pancakes, filled with jam, cottage cheese, or chocolate sauce, rolled up and sprinkled with powdered sugar. Try it with a favorite filling of your own!

Ingredients (for 8-10 crepes) Prep time 20 min:

- 1 c. flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 1-1/2 c. milk
- vegetable oil for cooking

Mix the ingredients until the batter is nice and smooth with no lumps.

Heat 1 tbl of oil in a skillet (make sure the pan and oil are nice and hot before adding the batter). Pour about 1/4 cup of the batter into the hot pan, and swirl it around to spread it evenly, frying it over the high heat for 25-30 seconds. Run an oiled spoon around the edges to keep it from sticking. The batter should separate nicely from the pan. Turn and fry the other side just like you would a pancake for 15-20 more seconds. Do not overcook lest they become rubbery. Always stir the mixture before pouring it into the hot pan, otherwise the flour might settle. (We had to practice a few times on the frying part before making them with the kids as it can be tricky to fry them just right. Don't give up though, and you'll enjoy the results.)

Several types of fillings can be used. For the kids, we mixed 1 teaspoon of cocoa and 5 tablespoons of sugar. Simply spread a spoonful of the blended sugar/cocoa mixture over half the crepe. Roll, place in a glass dish, and microwave for 30-40 seconds to melt the chocolate.

Bon appétit! (Jó étvágyat!)



Hungarian Name Day

Have you ever pursued Facebook or other means of social media in order to remember someones birthday? Birthdays are tricky to remember, so we can rest assured that Facebook is there to keep track of these special days for us. Well, if you are from Hungary, it becomes a lot easier since they celebrate their

N-A-M-E D-A-Y.

While birthdays are celebrated amongst families, name day is observed in schools, work places, and with friends. It's almost like having TWO birthdays a year! Hungarians love name day, but older people are especially fond of it as it draws away from the focus on their age.

Flowers and sweets are popular gifts to give to someone on their special day. It is not uncommon to receive a text message by ones mobile provider on their name day.

When Hungarians name their newborn babies they don't typically chose made up names or give unusual names but rather they select any of the names from the name calendar so their children will get their own day of the year to celebrate. It is very common to know ten people all bearing the same name. Some more popular names are listed twice a year, such as Zsuzanna on February 19 and August 11, leaving the choice to individuals which day to celebrate. Also, because there are more names than days of the year, two names may be celebrated in one day.

Next time you are in Hungary and you run into someone on their name day, wish them a "Happy Name Day" or:



Prayer Requests with the Mann Kids

We asked the children to share their own prayer requests in this newsletter:

Heidi: "I pray for safety on the road. Oh, and for all the other missionaries that are travelling too!"

Laura: "I pray for our school work that we can focus and get done before we move to Hungary."

Micah- "I pray for Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, but especially Mrs. Stevens because she is sick." (These are missionary friends of ours to the Roma people.)

---Got a prayer request to share with us ??? We'd love to hear from you!---
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Attention! Hungary Needs Missionaries- Missionaries Just Like You!

That's right! God can use YOU to take the Gospel to the Hungarian people as well. Here are some things to consider as you pray about taking your own missions trip.

What is the Purpose of a Missions Trip?

Although there will be many opportunities to see some beautiful new sights and participate in some fun activities, this is not intended to be a sightseeing tour or a vacation but this trip is for the following purposes:

1. To learn more about evangelism, church planting, and how to serve God better.
2. To develop more of a burden for world evangelism.
3. To be a blessing to other Christians and the missionaries on the field.

Some additional benefits from taking this trip to Hungary is so that you:

1. May see the need in Hungary for yourself and may be led to give your life to reach the Hungarians.
2. Can bring what you see to your home church and to share the need in Hungary with other church members.
3. Will pray more for the work in Hungary to be accomplished in our generation.
4. May develop a vision for world missions.
5. May gain experience in cross-cultural evangelism and ministry.
6. May cultivate a heart for people from other cultures and backgrounds.
7. May help reach out to the lost people and encourage believers in Hungary.
8. May leave forever changed by the Holy Spirit of God.



WHAT TO EXPECT:

A REAL PERSPECTIVE

Many people have never traveled outside of the USA and don't know what to expect on a trip like this. Here are four perspectives we want you to keep in mind when taking a trip like this:

First, though Hungary is not a third world country, and in many ways, may look a lot like life right here in the States, this trip may be one of the hardest trips you have ever taken. We don't say that to scare you, but to prepare you. For ten days, you will be telling your body that day is night and night is day. There is a 6-7 hour time difference that is hard to conquer and master in the short amount of time you will be here. You will be tired and worn out. The first few days you might be carried through by adrenaline, but eventually it wears off. Rest when you need rest, but keep pushing forward. You will be living and traveling in a different country. Transportation will be different, and perhaps even uncomfortable. The food will be different and even the common food doesn't have the same taste as back home. However, the food in Hungary is delicious and very fresh. You will be surrounded by hundreds of people when we are in Budapest, smaller amounts in other places in Hungary, and the majority of these people are lost and spiritually dead. They are no longer on the other side of the world. It will not be a story. It will be reality staring you in the face.

Second, this trip will be one of the most rewarding trips you have ever taken. You will get to meet some of the greatest people in the world. You will get an opportunity to fellowship

with people from the church. The churches are young and the people aren't perfect, but they love Jesus. Your time here is short, but we hope you will take the time to get to know some of these dear people.

As you are involved in ministry through sharing your testimony, distributing literature, or participating in an activity, we hope there will be those that hear and receive the Gospel because of your involvement. You will also get to experience Europe through Hungary and get to see many rare sites!

Third, we can't guarantee the trip will go as planned. We can't tell you that everything is going to be comfortable. Actually, we can almost guarantee you that something will go wrong. But that is life. Out of past trips, there are three words we use: "adjust, adjust, adjust". That is exactly what we will do when a curve ball is thrown our way. When things aren't as you imagined, a bad attitude can arise. We might not get to eat when it's time, situations might not be as comfortable, you get sick, or something else happens, but please make an effort to keep the same selfless, humble, willing attitude that you had when you signed up for the trip.

Fourth, prepare spiritually because, after all, this is a spiritual trip. We want God to work in your lives. We hope that He already is! Continue that as you take this trip. Read the Word and pray. As your eye affects your heart, let what is seen be directed through the lens of the Word of God. We want an real impact, not an emotional one.

For more information on taking a missions trip to Hungary, please visit: reachinghungary.com

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