

Eastern Europe Report

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Dear Co-laborers,

Rev. Doug Schlegel and I were able to hold a video call on October 14, 2023 with Rev. István Vigh and his daughter (as translator). We discussed the progress of the ministry and what the needs of the ministry are going forward.

Everything is going well with the church. Two services are held every Sunday and one Bible study on every Wednesday. Sadly, some older members of the church are not able to participate in the services because of their age and health issues. The Wednesday Bible studies are going well. The attendees asked many questions. Their hearts were opened to give praise to the Lord.

BIBLE CAMP

A Bible camp was once again held in the last days of August, from 28-30. By the grace of God, many children came to the camp each day. By the second day more than 68 had come. The final three days saw more than 85 children in attendance. These days were blessed as the children were very attentive and said they look forward to enjoying these



The Congregation in Szek

types of activities again.

An amazing thing that happened this year was having the parents of the children who came staying to visit this year's camp. Pastor István took the opportunity to teach the parents. When they brought their children to the camp, they told István that they are really thankful to God that their children can learn with us

and glorify the Lord. The involvement of local young people, István's daughters and three Christian friends, made the camp possible. These five young people helped during the camp with the musical programs, handcrafts and teaching. They are looking forward to the next opportunity to work with the children.

On the first day of the camp a wonderful spiritual thing happened. A Romanian friend of Istvan's daughter needed a medical operation in Bucharest. The operation was very expensive and risky. The young girl was full of fears, so they camp children put together a little video to help encourage her. More than fifty children joined together to pray for her. They all said these words together, "Alexandra, we are with you." The moment was truly special, and the family of the young girl was so thankful for it.

A NEED FOR SPACE

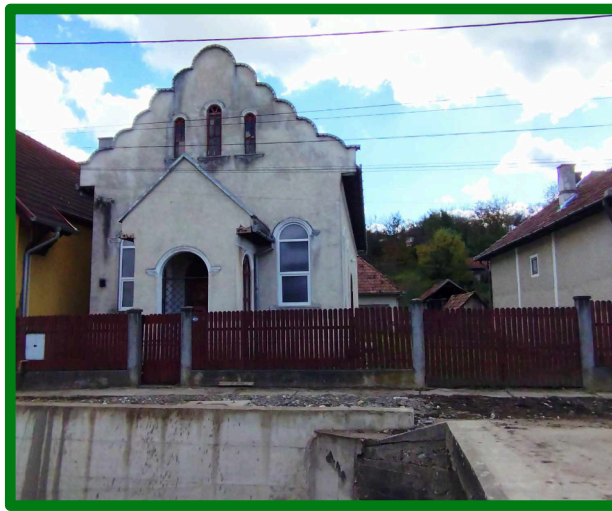
One important note that came from our discussion is the need for funds for worship and program space. István said, "I don't want to make big plans and dreams,



Pastor István Teaching At Bible Camp

but I can feel every day that the Lord makes miracles in my life, and I know that for Him everything is possible." There is an empty church building very near to their home that they may be able to purchase. They are checking on the cost of purchasing the building. However, they need to be careful about doing so as it could also drive the cost up. They are also looking to rent a space in Gherla to hold Bible studies every other week. This is something they need funds for to secure a meeting place.

Rev. Schlegel and I are planning a trip to Romania in February 2024. We plan to arrive on February 9th and return after the 17th. Our plan is to participate in the Lord's Day worship on February 11th. Then next hold a Bible conference from Monday,



February 12 through Saturday, February 16th. We are still deciding on the theme for the conference. We will conclude our time there participating in Sunday worship on February 17th. We also hope to conduct Bible studies and services in Gherla during our visit.

I am still learning about the ministry in Eastern Europe, but I

can already see the Lord's hand at work. I also have the goal to make new contacts to provide support for the Eastern Europe field. I think a new meeting place for worship and Bible study in Gherla are a good rallying point for fund raising. István is clearly laboring diligently for the Lord. He needs our support and prayers.

In Christ's service and yours,

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