

Suhai's Spring Update

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Dear Friends,

Here's our long awaited update.

First a few thoughts about the **Ukrainian war/refugee situation**.

Thankfully there are plenty of resources, aid agencies and volunteers at the border crossings into Hungary to meet refugees as they enter the country. Most of the refugees are then sent on to churches and other agencies within Hungary for sheltering before they transition to their final destination in Hungary or elsewhere in Europe.

For example 18 (hungarian speaking) refugees are put up at the community center in one of the villages where we rent a place for our church gatherings . Some of them are believers and have joined our worship services and Bible studies (see the back row, many of our roma are sick right now...).



It is great joy and privilege to have them. Sadly they only have 30 days left to find a job and permanent accomodation. This is a very serious matter for prayer! Just so that you can feel the seriousness of their situation back in Ukraine they told us that in their home town (Ungvar) 1 pound of pork meat is 21USD, which was 3USD before the war. Can you imagine? They say even the richer are killing each other for meat.

My brother has also opened their (as of now) empty appartement in Budapest for refugees (mostly women and children).

Many of the refugees know where they want to go in Europe to meet up with relatives who live there. Sheltering is where the real need is as churches are shouldering the burden for housing and feeding refugees and somehow sending money in a safe way. We have also tried to send and have them use prepayed debit cards, but they simply don't work with Ukrainian ATMs (probably due to the sanctions on banks). The safest way is to send cash which we have been trying to do whenever we hear of someone crossing the border into Ukraine who is reliable.

See more pictures here: [Refugees – Google Drive](#)

We hear more and more reports about **human trafficking** at the border. What usually happens in such a situation is that almost all criminal activities cease and all criminals switch to human trafficking

instead (huge money...).

I am also sharing with you a **heart wrenching message** in the shadow of war which we got from the wife of this pastor friend of ours (we have helped with cash) who have decided to stay in Unkraine.

„What we need most is much encouragement. I have gotten to the point where I started to feel deep sorrow over earthly things even though I thought I have already overcome these earthly concerns. I have browsed through all the smaller memories in our home and they brought tears into my eyes...Yes, even our life is in danger, but this is not what I started to fear of or feel sorry about ... but the memories, the sweet drawings of our children, pictures, photos, paintings...objects that aren't worth much in the eyes of others, but for us are invaluable... I know in my spirit that nothing is really important in this earthly life, but only the fact that I am heading towards salvation, but my mind is telling me the opposite...All I can do is to struggle to convince my mind with my spirit. That's the only way I can escape from this deep sorrow that I feel..."

As for us as a family we are doing fine thankfully and **continue to strengthen local roma communities trying to prepare them** (in every way, both spiritually as well as physically and existentially) **for the upcoming crisis** (recession) that both the Lord and the media (including our prime minister) are warning us about. Some of the roma have started to dig up their back yard, others have been raising chickens and we have been storing/filling up essential food supply that we will hopefully be able to share in the time of the upcoming need. We will only be able to survive together.



As for **Sonship Academy** (me teaching at the front, probably the only picture SOMEONE ELSE took of me). It's doing great with the new curriculum. Students are loving it.



And finally, by God's grace **the more conservative party has just won the election** which, humanly speaking, continues to secure religious freedom in Hungary and certain level of protection and resistance towards the LMBTQ ideology and movement for another 4-year period. We are thankful for it. It is certainly an answer to many prayers.

Thank you all so much for standing behind us!

With His Love and Many Blessings,
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