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Dear Friends,

We have had a wonderful, fruitful fall and are excited about what the Lord is doing here in Hungary. Church attendance has been up, and there has been a wonderful spirit in the services. I would like to share a few highlights with you, so you can rejoice with us.

Salvation Decisions:

First and foremost we rejoice in a number of salvation decisions. We have seen seven professions of faith over the past few months. It is exciting to see that they are from different age groups: two elderly, one middle-aged and three teens and also our daughter Esther. Praise the Lord! This fall I have been conducting a new converts class and had 10-12 attend regularly. It appears that we will have seven of these getting baptized at the end of this month.

Wedding:

On October 7 we held the wedding for Ferenc Bujna and Miriam Simko. Miriam was saved and baptized about a year ago. Ference was saved this spring and will be baptized later this month. We thank the Lord for this young couple.

New Ministries:

As our church has grown, more people have begun using their gifts for God's glory. One of our ladies who is a public school teacher recently began a program for preschool children (ages 5-6) to prepare them for the transition to school. She has 18-20 children participating - most from outside the church. She also has occasional sessions for the parents. The main purpose of the program is to make contacts with unsaved people and introduce them to our church.

Another of our ladies started a club for single mothers that meets once a month. She herself is single and understands the struggles of raising children alone, loneliness, etc. The ministry is designed for not only our church ladies, but also for unsaved as well. Please pray that both of these ministries would bear fruit.

Building Project:

Work has continued on the building this fall. We finally finished the plastering and painting of the outside of our new auditorium. We are also working to complete the enclosing of the hallway connecting our three buildings. We are grateful for a couple of large gifts to help with this work. One church in the



Ferenc and Miriam Bujna, Marc and Charin Patton



Preschool kids

show, our teens a Gospel pantomime, and I preached a brief message. We also put on a Christmas concert in both Nyergesujfalu and at our main church in Esztergom. The concert also brought in dozens of visitors. Please pray that we will see many of these visitors return in the future.

A Look Back:

As we look back at 2006, we rejoice in another great year of ministry. We saw 15 professions of faith, which is the most we have ever had in a year. We also baptized 11, which equals our high from 2004. We averaged about 120 this fall on Sundays and around 70 for our midweek service. We also saw several new ministries get off the ground. Our church offerings also increased by about 20% over 2005. Our new church plant in Nyergesujfalu celebrated its first anniversary and continues to move forward. It was a good year for our family as well, as Nancy was baptized in May, and Esther accepted Christ in November.

A Look Ahead:

This year we plan to increase our investment in Nyergesujfalu. We have hired a single young lady who will be doing both secretarial work and working in Bible clubs. She will probably spend at least half her time working in Nyergesujfalu to help Calix with the ministry there. We also are putting more time and energy into a ministry of helps. One of our ladies has been organizing the receiving and distributing used clothing, and we are also looking at opening a food pantry of sorts. We also have several other ideas we would like to implement as the Lord opens doors. We also trust that we will be able to finally wrap up our building project this year by laying paving stones in the courtyard and refurbishing the church office.

Please do join us in prayer for another great year. Thank you for partnering with us in this work.

Serving for His Glory,

Marc Patton + Family

Marc, Charin, Nancy, Benji, Esther and Hannah

