

WESTMINSTER BIBLICAL MISSIONS, INC.

AN UPDATE ON OUR LABORS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

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Dear Co-Laborers in Missions,

This report presents the work in Transylvania both in the village of Szék and the surrounding countryside.

MISSION WORK CHALLENGES IN EASTERN EUROPE

Many people may wonder about the nature of the mission work in Eastern Europe since much of the area has been incorporated economically and even culturally with the greater European continent. It is true that with the fall of communism and the relative freedom which has been enjoyed for many years the persecution which was so brutal is a painful but increasingly distant memory. Nevertheless, the challenges have become no less difficult. Indeed, the new challenges can be even more difficult because economic progress and political liberalization have introduced a widespread materialism, self-satisfaction, and nominal religion. This makes the field not so different from what is often called "home missions" in the United States.



TRANSYLVANIA?

Our efforts center around the village of Szék in Transylvania. When people hear the word "Transylvania" it conjures up all kinds of images which do not reflect the reality. Transylvania is in the northwest of present-day Romania. It is surrounded on the south and east by the Carpathian Mountains. It is a land of vibrant history and bloody conflict. It is also a land of mixed language and culture. There is a large Hungarian population in Transylvania and it is among these people that we labor.

SZECK

The village of Szék has a reputation for holding on to the old traditions and this explains why you will often see the older generations in the traditional garb alongside modern homes, automobiles, and people in modern dress.

BIBLE STUDIES

In an effort to evangelize, many bible studies are held during the week both in the village and the

outlying areas apart from the regular services held in the village each Lord's Day. These studies serve two purposes. Pastor István Vigh faithfully and fearlessly teaches salvation by Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone. The studies are self-consciously evangelistic, but they also serve to teach the many people who have been raised "in the church" but are completely untaught.

WINTER BIBLE CONFERENCE

The mission also supports two events during the year. During the winter, the mission supports a week-long evangelistic Bible Conference. It is well-attended by the villagers and this past conference saw many high school and college age students attend from about an hour away!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

During the summer, the mission hosts what would be best described as a Vacation Bible School. As you see from the photographs, many children attend and are exposed to the gospel. This year's event which just concluded was a great success!

CAN YOU HELP US HELP THEM?

Of course, the work cannot continue nor succeed without your prayer support and financial support. One of the unique features of Westminster Biblical Missions is that virtually all of the financial support we receive goes directly to the work in the field. We would ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this worthy endeavor with a one-time contribution or by regular monthly support.

To God Be the Glory,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Rev. Douglas L. Schlegel".

Rev. Doug Schlegel, Field Chairman

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