



ARIEL Hungary

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After five years of continuous attendance at Camp Shoshanah (New York, USA), this will be the first summer not attending nor being with our dear friends over there. Certainly it will be strange and sad but we are very glad that Shoshanah will still be with some Hungarian influence. Our brother and friend Zoli, who attended the Camp last year has signed up for a 2 week program this summer.

The main focus for us this year will be the third annual Messianic Conference in Hungary. It will take place in August but be of a shorter duration than usual. Dr. Arnold F. will be teaching for the five days in Budapest. He will be bringing very important topics to the table: *The Five Warnings of the Book of Hebrews*, *The Reign of Emmanuel*, *The Servant of Jehovah* and *The Rapture*. We need your prayers that we might be well organized and have good attendance for this conference. I will be translating. Beside the topics I will need to prepare for all of Dr. Arnold's rabbi jokes. This was last year's biggest challenge for me. ☺

We would like to share with you some highlights of Ariel Ministries life here in Hungary.

In September we started the *Life of Messiah* teaching series in a biweekly format. We had good attendance with an average of 20 students participating in the lessons. We had some new folks starting in January who are now coming on a regular basis. One is a friend from Rita's childhood, someone who we have been praying for, for many years. He attended our Passover demonstration last year. Sometimes the regular attendees invite their friends which is an added blessing. We will be finishing the series at the beginning of June. Many are interested in further studies and others are asking for a repeat of the entire series. Next year we will be teaching on *end times* by following the book, *Footsteps of the Messiah*. I am planning once again to do a biweekly one-year series. My goal with this complicated topic is to present end time prophecies following the Book of Revelation, to teach hermeneutics by comparing different approaches concerning Bible prophecy and to affirm that the only practical and useful approach in understanding prophecy correctly is by the grammatical historical and literal method. This is the only method which allows Israel her rightful place in the past, present and future events of Scripture.

Another important work I will be concentrating on is writing articles on our Ariel blog. We have a growing number of visitors on our homepage and on our Facebook page where we can draw people to these important topics. I have already made several entries which cover controversial topics such as: *The Place of Physical Healing in the Atonement*", and *How God is Leading Us*, the connection between *Faith and Works*", the *Signs of the Times* as well as other topics of interest.

We as a Messianic Jewish ministry are aware of the importance of using the Feasts of Israel in our teaching, therefore this past year we gave 4 Passover demonstrations. One of these demonstrations fell out on the exact date of Passover while the others were given on the *Gentile Christian* date of Passover. This gave us a great opportunity to explain some of the crucial differences between these dates. Altogether we spoke to some eighty people. While some were Gentile unbelievers we also had four Jewish unbelievers who practice the tenets of rabbinical Judaism, in addition to a few secular Jews as well.



Presenting Passover English-Hungarian

One of these unbelievers came afterwards to our Life of Messiah Bible study, when the topic of the *resurrection* was given. During the Jewish Pesach (Passover) we had the first Seder meal at our home fellowship. This was a first Seder for a young couple who attended as well as for an unbelieving teenage son of one of our friends.

the Charismatic experiences and expectations of the health and wealth movements as opposed to solid Bible faith. They like the solid Bible approach we take. It is good when we can help them move toward the literal hermeneutic in studying the Bible and we are glad to meet believers who do recognize the importance of the original Jewish/Biblical viewpoint. One of them came to our Passover demonstration and has followed through with the Life of Messiah Bible study.

Study Hard, Grow Strong



Attendants at Passover

Our Bible reading groups continue every week with our Jewish friends. We just finished reading through the New Testament after two and a half years. We have already started reading the Hebrew Bible and are continuing at this present time. We have lively discussions concerning Jewish practices, the Mosaic Law and the Jewish Messiah. One of the attendees told us that she is very thankful because she now begins to understand what *saved by grace through faith* means as opposed to *saved by works*.

There will be an important change in our free time in doing Ariel work. From September 2016 I (Ivan) will be teaching music full time at the high school level. I am not sure just yet how this will affect my schedule for ministry work, but I am planning to continue with everything as before. The advantage of this job is that I will have my late afternoons, evenings and weekends free.



Bible school

Our mission is to teach the Bible from Jewish perspective and Jewish evangelism.

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Rita participated in a Jewish womens' Seder meal organized by *Hannah Jewish Women Club*. She was invited by a Messianic believer. She got to meet and know an 87 year old Holocaust survivor.

We met Jewish twins (both believers) who we know from our Charismatic past. We have very interesting discussions about faith and about the differences between

Our daughter Noemi turned 17 this year. She is involved in our Bible studies and fellowship. She has a big caseload at school and studying takes up a lot of her time. She is getting stronger in dealing with the stress of the school, and we are thankful for your prayers which help. Rita's blood test results are good and she was able to reduce her level of medication. She continues with the English translation of her book dealing with the theological reasons for antisemitism in the church.

We are continuing with our small messianic fellowship in our home every other Saturday. One person from the biweekly Bible study has now joined us. We are looking for a good location in the city's centre and depending on God to lead our planning. Perhaps this will be the start for a future congregation.

It is a privilege for us to know you. Thank you for your prayers and support, which means a lot to us.

Shalom, Ivan, Rita and Noemi

Prayer requests

- for the salvation of the Jewish attendees at the Pesach demonstrations (Janet, Eva, Tamas).
- for the salvation of the Jewish attendee (Mariann) from the Bible study.
- for a Jewish twin brother and sister with whom we have had intensive discussions concerning faith and the charismatic movement.
- to have committed disciples of the Word at the Bible studies and the fellowship.
- for successfully finishing the biweekly Bible school Life of Messiah in the Jewish quarter by June.
- for the Messianic fellowship in our home and for finding a new and more central location to continue the fellowship.
- for our friend and faithful disciple Zoli. He will have a heart surgery in September, just after his time at Camp Shoshanah this summer.
- for financial support to continue the work in Hungary as full time volunteers.
- for Jewish evangelism in Budapest, especially in reaching out to the Jews near to our Bible school.
- for the English translation of Rita's book: Theology and Antisemitism (Rita translates and Nanette corrects and proofreads).
- for the salvation of our Jewish friends, Gabor and Zsofi and Edit with whom we are reading the Bible.
- for the salvation of our friend Csaba, who began to regularly attend the Life of Messiah study. Please pray as well for his marriage.
- for the salvation of our Jewish friend who had a stroke (Andras) and for his wife Jamy; for our Jewish friend Gyuri and for our other Jewish friends.
- for the salvation of our family members.
- against the rising antisemitism in Hungary.
- for Ivan's health issues. Please pray for his healing.
- for Rita's full recovery from her autoimmune disease.
- for Rita's mom's healing from her autoimmune disease.
- for our daughter Noemi who is in a Hungarian high school; for protection and good grades in her studies, for her health, and for her to find more believing friends.
- for our partners, churches, ministries, and especially for organizing the upcoming 3rd annual messianic conference with Dr Fruchtenbaum in August 2016. (Our partners include: the Brethren Church, Jews for Jesus, Greater Grace International Church, the Bible Speaks) Please pray for Arnold's trip to Europe, for good attendance at the conference and for good advertising.

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