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“... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”  
Mark 16.15

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Dear Praying Friends,

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I continue to rejoice in the goodness of God.

Glory to God! I spent the last 2+ months in Debrecen Hungary filling in for a missionary friend going on furlough, and it was a divine appointment to be sure! In addition to teaching Sunday School and preaching three sermons each week, there was a garage full of Hungarian Bibles that the Lord had recently provided to the church. The missionary, Brother Mike Carney, told me he would like to see if we could pass some of those Bibles out on the streets of the city.

The day after the Carney's left for the States, I took a couple of cases of Bibles (64) to a street corner and began trying to pass them out. The only words I knew in Hungarian were “Free” and “Bible”. I thought it might take a few hours, but, to my amazement, the Bibles were gone in about 15-20 minutes. The next day the same thing happened again. I could see this could soon turn into a big thing!

We quickly ramped up the operation. The people at the church got excited and started pitching in to help stamp Bibles with our church information and load up the car regularly. Some were even able to come out on the street with me a few times when they were off work or out of college.

Having started with just two cases per day, that quickly increased to 8, then 12, then 16, with a high day of 25 (800 Bibles). We were all amazed and praising the Lord for the response. When we surpassed the 10,000 Bible mark we began to think we could hit 15,000 before my time was up. God blessed, and we ended my time there having passed out 15,328 Bibles on the streets of Debrecen.

Another highlight was a large number of first graders would pass my corner twice per day, and I would ham it up in English with them. They all thought I was hilarious because they had no idea what I was saying. Wanting to give them something too, I purchased 200 small coloring books at a local bookstore containing Paul's conversation with the Philippian jailer where Paul said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved”. As the little ones passed by one day, I was able to give out 190 of them into the precious little hands of those smiling and happy kids! What a glorious blessing!

Thank you so much for your support, whether financial, or through prayer and encouragement. Without you, this would not be possible. Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing.