



MISKOLC PRAYER LETTER AUGUST 2026

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Beloved Brothers and praying Friends,

The moment has arrived to dispatch my annual newsletter. It is always intriguing to reflect upon and appraise what the Lord has accomplished, even within such a minuscule nook of His vast vineyard as our local congregation here in Miskolc. Psalm 127:1 declares: 'Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.' Yet what transpires when He indeed erects the edifice? His handiwork becomes manifest—despite every impediment—and those who toil in His vineyard find themselves astonished and humbled. Calvin, commenting on this verse, aptly observes 'that nothing prospers for us except insofar as God blesses our endeavors.' Truly, all glory goes to Him for the events recounted below!

1 A CONCISE OVERVIEW OF THE PRECEDING YEAR

In **September**, Reformed brethren from New Zealand visited us, after which I attended a Presbytery meeting convened in Budapest. **October** brought pastor Bob Tarullo (OPC) to preach among us, followed by our *Reformation Conference* in Miskolc, with attendance reaching 140 souls. I delivered a lecture titled 'Double or Nothing,' addressing aspects of our sanctification. Throughout **November**, my son Balázs relocated to his new residence; I then participated in a meeting of our homeschooling association and underwent a medical examination (a cardiac ultrasound, which proved normal). **December** commenced with a book fair in Budapest—featuring publications from the Presbyterian Publishing House. Time races by; I registered our publishing house 24 years ago, its inaugural title being Machen's '*Christianity and Liberalism*'. Subsequently, I had the opportunity to reconnect and consult with Tracy Klicka from *HSLDA*. Naturally, we then celebrated our Savior's incarnation. **January** surprised us with an exceptionally severe winter, curtailing my travel capabilities. In **February**, we held our Presbytery meeting in Budapest. **March** was largely devoted to intensive visitation; we endeavor to visit our members three times annually.



Colloquium group picture

During **April**, we organized our *Easter Conference* in Miskolc, followed by my attendance of the third *Theological Colloquium* in Budapest, featuring Carl Robbins, Camden Bucey, Donald John Maclean, José de Segovia, and others.



General Assembly in Miskolc

May proved extraordinarily demanding. We hosted our 9th *General Assembly* in Miskolc, then Andrew Graham (EPCEW) paid us a visit, succeeded by a *Men's Conference*, where I lectured on the topic of work—its theological underpinnings, our disposition toward it, and so forth. We concluded the month in Zakopane, Poland, where COAH extended an invitation to a season of refreshment and fellowship, with Michael Reeves as the principal speaker; his addresses imparted a sense of spiritual buoyancy.

June was equally remarkable: I journeyed to the United States to attend the *Diaconal Summit* organized by the OPC at Wheaton College. As you may be aware, our denomination stands as the first Reformed church in Hungary since the Reformation to commence the ordination of deacons. Hence, we have much ground to cover—the conference proved very edifying. While there, I preached at Westminster OPC in Chicago. Upon returning to Miskolc, we successfully organized the *fourth evangelistic service* for Ukrainian refugees, with 70 attendees.



English Camp

July's highlight was our *English language camp*, aided by a team from the OPC—delightful fellows, with whom we incorporated sightseeing alongside teaching. The month concluded with a family seaside vacation.

In **August**, we were again blessed with guests from New Zealand, after which I attended the *Pastors' Conference* in Romania, featuring Rev. Arnoud Vergunst. The month ended with a *Church Retreat*, where I spoke on topics including dealing with differences in personal and congregational life.

2 A BRIEF REPORT ON FAMILY AND CHURCH

a) The Lord has shown His grace toward our **FAMILY**. Krisztina has adapted well to her full-time employment. Áron and Balázs are doing well in their respective companies. Zsófia has completed her university coursework but must still submit her final thesis. The children follow the Lord, though with their occasional fluctuations. As for myself, next year marks my 30th in both ministry and marriage. The Lord has sustained me through these decades, yet now I must begin planning a sabbatical for 2027 or 2028. I need to allocate time for physical rest and to disengage from what I have pursued at full throttle for thirty years. Nothing is yet finalized, but if you wish to offer shelter for a week or two to a battle-weary soldier, do let me know—perhaps I might include a stop at your abode. 😊

b) Our **CHURCH LIFE** is richly varied and dynamic, with numerous activities occurring concurrently. We hold regular gatherings: worship services, prayer meetings, home fellowships, youth and children's meetings, conferences, and more. Additionally, we remain attentive to diaconal needs, offering support to the elderly and impoverished. The Lord has blessed us with increased membership over the past year, and newcomers continue to arrive, yet we aspire to be more proactive in evangelism. Currently, we operate *four* key 'fronts' in this regard: summer English camps, ministry among Gypsy children, refugee outreach to Ukrainians, and—just

this year—we've launched the *Christianity Explored* course using the Gospel of Mark. I dislike clichés, but 'stepping out of your comfort zone' describes well our need to explore new ministry avenues while upholding the sufficiency of Scripture. Thus, all our endeavors should increasingly align with God's Word and seek His approval.

3 SEVERAL PRAYER REQUESTS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

a) Pray for Áron to deepen his relationship with the Lord, especially as he faces major decisions. Pray for Balázs as he leads his wife and assists in the church. Pray for Zsófia, who is undergoing spiritual renewal amidst various struggles. Pray for my wife as she begins teaching at the school and serves in the church. Pray for my many responsibilities—that I find time for rest and wisdom to plan for the future. Pray for my quiet time with the Lord.

b) Pray for the church's various ministries. Pray for me and my elders/deacon as we discuss the congregation's future plans—a vision of our direction and how to achieve it. We have opportunities; the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few (Mt 9:37), so we must optimize our efforts.

c) Pray for Ukraine; my heart remains invested in this ministry. In February, most of you received my update. Since then, we organized a fourth evangelistic service and invited a Ukrainian preacher. We also provided food packages and targeted assistance as needed. Interestingly, a woman who attended our first evangelistic service is now preparing for church membership.

d) Pray for the cause of homeschooling in Hungary. There's nothing encouraging to report. We have a new government we're seeking to contact, but their approach remains unclear. We hope for a favorable hearing, recalling Prov 21:1: 'The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.'

e) I also have personal needs, which I'll share in a separate letter. Please bring these before the Lord in prayer. I'm confident that God will supply everything 'according to His riches... in Christ Jesus.' (Phil 4:19)

Warmly in Christ,

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