



Eastern Europe Report

Westminster Biblical Missions



MAY 2023

Greetings Co-laborers in Christ,

The work in Eastern Europe continues through the preaching and teaching of Rev. István Vign in the town of Cluj. Here are some ministry highlights from the first part of 2023.

JANUARY

Our brother István battled with illness during the month of January, even being confined to bed. Praise the Lord that the illness passed and he was able to return to ministry. Still, he is overjoyed that God has blessed him with a lot of work. Many new people have been visiting their services including a married couple from Kolozsvár (Cluj). The Wednesday Bible studies are also going well with around ten in attendance. One of Istvan's greatest is that after twenty-five years, he was able to preach in a Reformed church in front of a Reformed congregation in Egeres, near to Kolozsvár. The local Reformed pastor asked him to preach and then to give his testimony.



Pastor István

Following his testimony, he talked about his work. The congregation was very happy with the service and the pastor thanked him by giving a little gift. After that, they were invited to dinner at the pastor's home where the cantors were also present. They were able to have a long and very good conversation. István invited the pastor's family and the cantors to attend their evangelistic meetings. They promised that they would attend. Soli Deo Gloria!

FEBRUARY/MARCH

During the 15th-18th of March, evangelistic

meetings were held which lasted four sessions. Istvan preached on two occasions with guest preachers the other two evenings. The biggest success was that half of the attendees were new faces and were present at each of the four sessions. As a result of these meetings four or five of them currently attend the Wednesday Bible studies. The Bible studies are going really well. Istvan finished the book of Daniel, but the congregation is asking for new topics. The next topic will be the question of baptism.

The composition of the congregation has changed and this has had a good effect on Istvan. During the



Sára, Emóke,
Emése and
Pastor István



holidays, they had many services and also took the Lord's Supper. Praise God that we had very good advancement in this area. There is also new Facebook account under the name of the congregation (Széki SDG Evangéliumi Református Közösség) to spread the news of the church. Pastor István often streams his services on the page.

There have been great strides in the past few years. Nevertheless, there is much left to do. Our prayer is that eventually a presbytery would be formed and that it would grow. István is growing acceptance by those affiliated with the Hungarian

Reformed Church. This is an extraordinary change. Please continue to pray for the growth of the ministry in Romania.

NEW FIELD CHAIRMAN

The work in Eastern Europe has been a labor of love for Rev. Doug Schlegel. However, he has many other responsibilities. At the WBM Board meeting in Sacramento, Rev. Howard Sloan was approved as the new Field Chairman for Eastern Europe. Rev. Schelegel will remain an integral part of the ministry in Eastern Europe. Rev. Sloan will take up many of the day to day responsibilities of the field.

Rev. Sloan has been with WBM since 2019. He also serves as the Assistant General Secretary and Field Chairman for Pakistan. Your prayers for this transition to go smoothly are appreciated.

Thank you for your support of this ministry. We pray that God will grow his church in Eastern Europe and around the world.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Howard Sloan

Field Chairman for Eastern Europe

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