



## Meet our EKE Representative For HFM Family Retreat - August 31-September 3

My name is Péter Károly Malik. I am a Lutheran pastor in Lucfalva, but it wasn't a self-evident thing I will be a pastor. Till 2001. I didn't really care about Christianity, but I met some



young Christian, and they give me Christian books, and they invited me to a EKE Youth Camp. Through a song („Knowing You, Jesus”) I understood that my dear things are worthless without Jesus. So I asked Him to take away everything that separates me from Him, and come into my life. He did, so my life changed: He gave me a purpose. I started to go to a Lutheran Church, and later I was baptized (I wasn't before). I started the EKE Bible School, I got so many new friends, and a service on Youth weeks, weekends. He called me to be a pastor. (I started to learn physics at a university first, and thanks God I could finish it parallel.) He gave me a matching wife Eszter Györfi and then a cute daughter Debóra Hanga. Eszter is a religion and art teacher. Now she is „working” with Debóra, and of course she helps me a lot in the service. We live in Lucfalva now, and we try to serve God, and call people to Jesus. I am so thankful for all these. **„Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1Thess 5:16-18)**

# Excel in Edification

“Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church” (I Cor. 14:12)

Here Paul has good advice for the believers of our day. We are told that if we are zealous of spiritual gifts, it is important to know for what reason the gifts are sought after. Paul says seek that ye may excel, or take the lead to edify the saints.

If this would be the aim and desire of each one who claims to be a child of God, I believe we would see revival. When a believer is edified, he is built up in the faith, and when we are built up in the faith, the joy of the Lord increases. As a result, we even in our day would see souls won for Christ. David saw the need of this as he asked God to restore unto him “the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors *thy ways*; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.” (Psa. 51:12, 13).

We are to excel in edifying of the church, “the believers.” How are believers edified? First, I believe it is as we share with one another what Jesus has done for us in saving our souls, in bringing us out of darkness and into His marvelous light, in granting us peace with God and assuring us of the blessed hope.

Then it is edifying as a brother in Christ shares how God has led him through struggles and trials which caused him to experience the grace and love of Jesus even stronger than before. And it causes us to rejoice and praise the Lord with him. God has never promised that His children will not suffer hardships of many different kinds, but He has promised to lead us through to victory in Him.

What about the times when we can share our brother’s burden and give a helping hand? Or what about the times we can take it before the throne of God with him and wait together with him for God’s answered prayer? This, too, is strengthening and edifying.

Then I don't think we can express too strongly the need for Christian fellowship ("Forsaking not the assembling together, as the manner of some is") where the Word of God is shared, where the believers are encouraged to share what the Lord means to them, and where they come together to praise, worship, and pray. This brings unity in the body of believers and also joy.

I believe we in America today are experiencing a coldness of heart because we are not getting together in unity the way we ought to be doing. The heart is not warmed if we each go our own way. I don't believe there is such a thing as a "hermit Christian" if it is possible to gather with other believers.

May God grant that we forsake a life of ease or a life of pleasure in worldly things so that we may be getting together with God's children. Let us pray for revival so that we become concerned about reaching the lost for Jesus. May we become fishers of men. If you are a weary pilgrim today, pray that God will rekindle in your heart the first love and joy in Him again.

*Alvin Larson - Previously printed in the September, 1982 Banner*

## Labor Day Family Retreat

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**You are invited to the Labor Day weekend family retreat**

– sponsored by Hauge Foreign Mission.

The dates are Friday August 31- Monday September 3, 2012 at the ARC (Association Retreat Center) in Osceola Wisconsin.

Our theme:

**Crown Him with MANY Crowns!**

*They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,  
"Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and for your pleasure they are and were created."*

Revelation 4:10b-11

This year speakers include Pastor Michael Brandt of Shepherding the Shepherds ministry and Pastor Tim Johnson of Pipestone, Minnesota.

Register for camp online!

## Norway News

I appreciate the chance to share about the opportunity I have to live and work in Mongolia for the Norwegian Lutheran Mission.

I would like to start with one of my favorite Bible verses. Proverbs 3:5-6. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

I truly believe the Lord has been working in my heart and leading me to serve Him overseas. It is something that has been on my mind and in my heart for several years.

Just a quick background of how I became involved with the Norwegian Lutheran Mission. I lived in Norway from 1999 to 2001 and while living there I became involved first with a missionary training center called the Go Out Center and then with the Norwegian Lutheran Mission. I attended weekly services and bible study groups. The Lord really blessed me with the fellowship I experienced with the Go Out Center and the Norwegian Lutheran Mission. I grew tremendously in my faith during my time in Norway because of what the Lord was doing within these mission organizations. The Norwegian Lutheran Mission is a private, conservative group with teachings very similar to the Association Free Lutheran Congregations. They hold the Scriptures as the inerrant Word of God and look to the Bible for all answers regarding Christian faith and Christian life. The Norwegian Lutheran Mission works both as a “home missions” organization with many active congregations and prayer houses throughout Norway and also as a “world mission” organization with missionaries throughout the world. Their world mission work involves a few different aspects. First and foremost their goal, as is the goal for all evangelistic Christian missions, is to spread the Word of God to unreached people groups. And second they use humanitarian work to



improve the lives of people in third-world countries. They work with health projects, homeless children, and many other types of social projects and then use the opportunities they create to reach out to these people groups with the Gospel of Christ. The work of World Missions was always very important in all the meetings I attended while in Norway and the Lord began working in my heart at that time.

Some of you might ask the question why Mongolia. Well, I have always been interested in Mongolia for some reason. I remember history lessons in school and learning about the vast Mongolian Empire and leaders they had such as Ghengis Khan and Kublai Khan. So in 2002 after I had moved back to the US and was attending UND I decided to take a trip to Mongolia. I had remembered that the Norwegian Lutheran Mission had a strong presence in Mongolia so I contacted them as I wanted to see the work the NLM was doing in Mongolia. I also contacted the Hauge Foreign Mission and am grateful for the prayers and financial support they gave me at that time to travel to Mongolia. Even at that time I was searching for the Lord's leading to do mission work. I spent 2 wonderful weeks in Mongolia learning about what the Lord was doing there. It left a lasting impression.

The last ten years I have been working in Crosby, ND as an economic development director and then as a bank loan officer. Then two years ago I had the opportunity to travel to Africa and I visited the Norwegian Lutheran Mission in both Tanzania and Kenya. After returning I really began to feel the Lord putting overseas mission work on my heart. I decided to contact the Norwegian Lutheran Mission to see if it was possible to work for them. The process has been long but the Lord has been with me throughout and has given me the answers needed to make the decision to be hired by the Norwegian Lutheran Mission.

I will be working as an administrator for the work they are doing in Mongolia. Currently, the Norwegian Lutheran Mission has headquarters in Ulaanbaatar, which is the capital, and an office in Khovd, which lies in the western part of the country.

The Norwegian Lutheran Mission has worked in Mongolia since 1994 and works in cooperation with local authorities within health, agriculture and social work. They currently work on two projects. The first is called Strengthening Children's Rights and the goal is to strengthen children's

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rights by working for better conditions while growing up. They work closely with the Mongolia government and social services programs. The second project is called Strengthening Primary Health Care. This project is taking place in western Mongolia with the headquarters in Khovd. The goal of this project is to strengthen the Primary Health Service of the area and with that contribute to an increase in health and well being of the local people. They work closely with the local government and bring in professional health workers to teach the local doctors and health personal about updated health issues. My job will be to administer these projects in Khovd. Please pray that the Lord will give me the knowledge and wisdom to complete my calling there.

As mentioned before the goal of the mission work is to reach out and spread the Word of God while completing the social projects. The Norwegian Lutheran Mission has seen the Lord do good work in Mongolia. Bible study groups that were first formed when the Norwegian Lutheran Mission began its work in Mongolia have developed into independent congregations with Mongolians as the leaders and pastors. In Khovd and the surrounding region there have been several Bible study groups that have been established as a result of the Lord working through the evangelizing efforts of the Norwegians. The Norwegian Lutheran Mission contributes with economic support for the education and equipping of leaders and the development of Christian literature. The missionaries from Norwegian Lutheran Mission who work with the social projects are involved in the congregations and groups as they would be in a congregation in Norway. There is also work being completed with other Lutheran missionary groups to help establish a national Mongolian Evangelical Lutheran Church within the next few years.

So in closing, I am very excited about the doors the Lord has opened for me in Mongolia. I ask that you keep me in your prayers. Please pray for the work in Mongolia. Pray that I point to Jesus in everything I do. Pray that the Lord will give me wisdom to make the right decisions during my service. Pray that all my preparations go well. Pray that I learn the language. Pray that I come in good contact with all the people of Mongolia and with the other missionaries. And finally that the Lord gives me strength in all that I do.

Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

## Receipts

<u>April 2012</u>		<u>May 2012</u>		<u>June 2012</u>	
General Fund	90.50	General Fund	285.00	General Fund	185.00
Hungary	320.00	Hungary	70.00	Hungary	345.00
Retreat	110.00	NLM	50.00	NLM Tanzania	40.00
NLM	250.00	NLM Japan	50.00	Retreat Fund	0.00
NLM Tanzania	40.00	Retreat Fund	20.00	<b>Jun '12 Total</b>	<b>\$570.00</b>
<b>Apr '12 Total</b>	<b>\$810.50</b>	<b>May '12 Total</b>	<b>\$387.50</b>		

### Memorials:

In memory of Marge Haugan, designated General Fund  
by Mr. & Mrs. Gene Gunderson

**Fiscal year 2011 ends September.** (2012 Fiscal year begins in October)

<u>Mission Gifts:</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May.</u>	<u>Jun '12</u>	<u>TOTAL Fiscal Year 2012</u>
General Fund		\$560.50		\$3,035.00
Retreat Fund		\$130.00		\$190.00
EKE		\$735.00		\$1,840.50
NLM		\$430.00		\$1,500.00

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