

## Annual HFM Family Retreat September 1-4, 2017



*“As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” John 20:21*

family retreat weekend. This years theme is: **“Missions Means Me.”** Jesus reminds us and assures us that just as the Father sent Him to bring the message of salvation of grace and forgiveness to a lost world, in the same way He is sending each one of us out to continue that message. To register and get more details on the weekend visit our webpage.

You are invited to a weekend of solid biblical teaching, great fellowship and good food as the members and friends of Hauge Foreign Mission gather at the Association Retreat Center (ARC) in Osceola, WI for our annual

# News from EKE - Hungary

About the EKE-junior weekend in a nutshell



In the middle of February I was taking part at an EKE-junior weekend in Piliscsaba in the Bethel Mission Center.

The theme of the weekend was marriage, sexuality and family in the scale of the Bible. We were taught purely according to God's word by pastors and experienced fellow-Christians, who are in personal relationship with God and who understood His will and aim in connection with marriage through studying God's word. God blessed this weekend, because where His word is preached purely, it judges their sinful hearts and His grace frees people from their sins.

During the weekend we heard several preaches and we could speak about our impressions and questions in small groups, in which we could talk confidently about our problems with the experienced group leader in the presence of God.

Unfortunately, the values of the world are up against the God's value and less and less people know, what is good, beloved and perfect according to Him. They are seeking newer and newer relationships to find the real one and happiness.

However they could only find this happiness in Jesus, who died for us voluntarily and with his sacrifice, we have free way to the Father, with whom we can have a personal relationship too. Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14, 6)

First, we have to find connection with Jesus and let Him renew this connection with His grace. After that through paying attention to Him and under His lordship He can give us our partner. This is not being naïve but having faith in God, who knows us and loves us and knows what the best for us is. With him we can and have to wait for the gift of sexuality until marriage, even though it is not easy to be pure in this field, but it worths waiting.

The following stands in the Ten Commandments about sexuality: „You shall not commit adultery.” Every extramarital sexual interaction is adultery according to God, and therefore it is sin.

In a lot of situations it is not easy to keep our amorousness heart under control, but God could help. He blesses this period of waiting, and prepares us for the future marriage and family life. He teaches us to take responsibilities, to respect the other person and most of all to be faithful to Him.

We should be thankful because on this weekend we could meet newly married couples as living proofs, who could talk about their experiences in connections with this topic, who kept themselves pure before their marriage.

For me their testimonies were very encouraging and strengthening, as an addition to the whole message and content of the weekend.

It was also pleasant that youngsters from all around the country came to this weekend, although many of them had no connection with congregations.

Kiss Kornélia

*(EKE Testimonies continued on next page)*

**„For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3, 1)**

The recent EKE-weekend was in February in Piliscsaba. More than fifty young adults came together to hear God’s word. The topic of the weekend was the second most important question in someone’s life: Who will be my husband or wife according to God’s plan? Who will be my helper in life?

Why is this question important? Because God says: „Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.” (Ecclesiastes 4, 9)

It so nice, that God wants to give us a helper with whom we can praise Him. Whose personal Saviour is also Jesus and who in every delight and distress can help us to attend Jesus’s guidance. This kind of helper is a treasure.

But there is a more important question compared with the previous one:

Is Jesus Christ the Saviour in my life? Did I get saved from the burden of my sins? Did I give the control of the life to my affectionate God?

We heard services about Jesus being the way, the truth, and the life, and that no one comes to the Father except through him. Six years ago, personally, I also had the chance to become converted in Jesus’ name. Now I am twenty-one years old. It was a great present to be there on this weekend, because I had been sick for a year, and I had not been able to participate on the weekends during this time.

It was a really personal experience, that God has power over our drags, complaints and sufferings. He disciplines us to purify and qualify us to be able to serve others, on the other hand He comforts us with zealous love ceaselessly and undeservedly.

Lot of my friends took part on this weekend, and one of them, who was not the follower of Jesus, could accept God’s grace. This friend of mine is also became a citizen of God’s Kingdom.

During this weekend a very important message became more certain in me:

The most important thing in this life is that we first seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. He gives us everything in its own time, as for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven

„Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” (Psalm 37, 4)

Delight in that, what Jesus did for you when he died on the cross to save us from our sins. You can accept this grace in prayer and you can keep praying after that.

*Farkas Boglárka*



## NEWS from MLM

**Øyvind Åsland** from the Norwegian Lutheran Mission and his Wife: Reidun, will be joining us for the Hauge Foreign Mission family Retreat at the ARC in Osceola, WI, Sept. 1-4.

Oyvind and Reidun have 3 children: Eilin 22 years old, Anne 20 and Daniel 17. He is currently serving as the General Secretary of NLM he previously spent, 5 years at Fjellhaug -1 year at the bible school, 4 years at the mission school. He spent 1 year as a Chaplain in the army and 7 years as a missionary in Kenya, Mombasa. There he worked with evangelism to muslims and church planting.



## NEWS From The HALVERSONS

# Halverson Happenings

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### Provision of parts

Jamie continues to serve as parts room supervisor at our aviation department here in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Over the past few months, he has seen how God has been providing the parts for our aircraft so that they can continue to fly. One particular provision of parts was for a helicopter. A mechanic was replacing some worn parts (rod ends on a control tube), when he realized that the control tube was damaged and needed replacement. Just a few days earlier this mechanic had been visiting another mission organization in PNG and noticed a really long box in their parts room. When he asked about the box, they said it was a control tube that had been ordered by mistake a long time ago and they didn't have a need for it. Well, when we discovered that we needed a new control tube, the mechanic remembered the box sitting in the other mission's parts room. So we contacted the mission, and it was the very part we needed!

But that was just the beginning of God's provision of parts. We had another part, a shaft, which we needed to replace on the helicopter. We had already ordered it from a company in Singapore, and according to the helicopter manufacturer, there were only three available in their whole worldwide inventory until more were made in a few months. Then the company in Singapore came back to us and said that the three shafts were no longer available. So what were we supposed to do? Well in the process of obtaining the control tube from the other mission, we became aware of an aircraft parts supply company in Arizona. We contacted them in hope that maybe they might have one of these shafts in their stock. They wrote back and said that they had two of them! So we bought one and had it shipped directly to us by DHL. It was in our hands within a week. This was pretty much all a God thing as we normally don't get things that quickly, and our only licensed helicopter mechanic at the time was leaving for a month just a few days after this part arrived. If we hadn't gotten the part in time, that helicopter would not have been available for use for the whole next month. Praise God for His provision!



Jamie with a control tube and shaft



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## Update on Uzziah!

Our short update in February asked for prayer for Uzziah. The bacteria-fighting component of his white blood cells was much below normal. We've since been advised by our clinic, in contact with top-notch pediatricians in the USA, that as long as he is growing well and seeming to stay healthy, we should figure his body is able to handle whatever is going on. The doctor has asked to check his white blood count again when he gets a fever to make sure he is alright. But because he remains so healthy, the expectation is that he actually does have the ability to fight off bacteria, and his numbers will go in the right direction if he gets an infection. Thank you for praying!



Thea with  
"Mrs Elizabeth"



Zeke with "Miss Amy"



Thad the climber



Ziah "hiding"

## Conference & Refuge 139

The biennial conference for our "branch" here in PNG was held this month. While dads and moms sat in on encouraging Bible teaching, updates on what's been going on around the country, and some matters of business, the kids were loved on, kept active, and taught in VBS by volunteers from a team called Refuge 139. Thad loved the outside activities, and Zeke and Thea enjoyed getting to know teacher "Miss Amy" - a longtime family friend and US-based Wycliffe co-worker!

## Prayer: Praises & Petitions

**PRAISE** for a renewing and encouraging six-day conference.

**ASK** God to create a hunger in people's hearts to read/listen to the Scriptures already available.

**PRAISE** for God's provision of parts for the helicopter.

**PRAISE** for the blessing of the Refuge 139 volunteers loving on our kids.

**PRAISE** for Ziah's continued good health.

**ASK** for wisdom in parenting.





every christian is either a missionary  
or an impostor.


Charles Spurgeon

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Every Christian is a sent  
one. There is no such  
thing as an unsent  
Christian.

- Alan Hirsch



"We talk of the Second Coming;  
half the world has never heard of the first"

- Oswald J. Smith

# **MISSIONS MEANS ME.**

## **ISAIAH 6:8**

**Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:**

**Who should I send?**

**Who will go for Us?**

**I said:**

**Here I am. Send me.**

## **EXODUS 19:5, 6**

**Now if you will listen to Me and carefully keep My covenant, you will be My own possession out of all the peoples, although all the earth is Mine, and you will be My kingdom of priests and My holy nation.**

## **MATTHEW 24:14**

**“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”**

## **MATTHEW 10:27**

### **Verse Concepts**

**“What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops.**

## **PSALMS 105:1**

**Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.**

## Receipts

### January 2017

G. Fund	410.00
NLM	140.00

### February 2017

G.Fund	150.00
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### March 2017

General Fund	50.00
NLM	200.00
Hungary	50.00

January Total    550.00

February Total    150.00

March Total    300.00

### Totals for Fiscal year 2017 (Ending September 30, 2017)

Mission Gifts	Jan.Feb.Mar.	Total Fiscal Year 2017
General Fund	610.00	1,605.00
Retreat Scholarships	0.00	70.00
EKE- Hungary	50.00	70.00
NLM	340.00	890.00
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