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## Outreach to Budapest, Hungary

*Blair Scott, International Publications Director, Europe*

Last spring, while at a leaders' meeting held in Austria for the Central European Countries, a member of the Hungarian Parliament, Magdolna Vanko, showed up with a TV camera man. She had come at the invitation of Miklos Molnar (National President, FGBMFI Hungary). Subsequent to this she invited the FGBMFI to do a major outreach in Budapest. God had already inspired International FGBMFI President, Richard Shakarian, to do an outdoor outreach, and he had a clear vision as to what needed to be done.

We printed 100,000 tabloid-size four-page newspapers. These were distributed throughout the Budapest area prior to the Outreach. As a result, even before the first meeting began, we had reports of healings and people committing their lives to Jesus Christ. This newspaper in itself would have been a wonderful success even if there had been no other outreach.

On the day of our arrival in Hungary, I asked the Hungarian leaders to arrange for us to meet the press. The next day a journalist met us at the parliament buildings, where we were having a meeting with Magdolna. After talking with the journalist about a press conference, Magdolna agreed to call one in her name at the Parliament Café. One of the journalists attending the press meeting turned out to be a very key person, who helped open up further doors to the media. The next morning we were on the national television news, followed by a short interview with Richard Shakarian. The radio picked up on this news report and continued to announce our planned outreaches. Richard was also interviewed on national radio. The outreaches were reported in several newspapers. We met with a number of top government officials. God gave Richard real favour with these leaders. In short, we raised the Fellowship to new level of visibility.



Throughout the outreaches hundreds of people made decisions to follow Jesus, and countless numbers received healings. All of our FGBMFI members attending were absolutely fired up for the work of the Fellowship. Several local pastors said that this Outreach had generated a new level of working together among the various church fellowships. Some proclaimed that they had never seen anything like it in Hungary.

## Open Air Outreaches

*Dr. Christoph Hägele, National Vice-President, FGBMFI Germany*

The Hungarian Outreaches were "incredible". There is simply no other word that even comes close to describing it. I have never been a part of anything like it before. On the first day, Saturday, at 3 p.m., when the Outreach was to start, the heavens opened and it began to pour rain. The men prayed and soon the rain stopped. All of the equipment had been taken out of the rain and now had to be reassembled. We, therefore, started a little late, but to a good crowd. We had several bands play, and a number of us gave short testimonies. None of us were preachers; we just were normal business men.

Richard Shakarian, International FGBMFI President, spoke for a few minutes, sharing scriptures about miracles, and then said, "God can heal you if you just believe." The tremendous response shows that it does not always take a long speech for people to receive what God has to offer.

There were extraordinary healings – the crippled walked, the deaf could hear, we even saw the blind able to see. These were not just isolated cases either. There were many, many healings of this type. Throughout the outreaches hundreds of people committed their lives to Jesus. I've heard about such kinds of things in Africa, but not in Europe.



Personally, I stayed in the same hotel with Richard, his wife, Vangie, and his team, consisting of the International Publications Director (Blair Scott, Europe), Outreach photographer (Colin Smith, International Office Staff), Madeline Mims (a wonderful singer and Olympic athlete), and Johann Canton (Honduras). This team highly impressed me. They are very good communicators. Their truly visible team spirit made it easy for men like myself to join in and participate. I came to Hungary with an enthusiasm for the work of the FGBMFI, but during this Outreach my personal vision has been expanded to the global work of the Fellowship. I see that these men are acutely sensitive to God's direction. This is something very unusual in our day.

When we step out and act in obedience to God, even when it does not seem to make sense, God does the rest. This is something particularly difficult for we Germans – we always want to understand everything first and then act. I have seen how important it is to first seek God and then to speak out the impressions He gives. When I did that, miracles took place.

This type of outreach needs to be done in many nations. It produces a very positive effect on the FGBMFI and on the Christian community in general. Many churches worked together to make the Outreach a success. This, too, was wonderful to see. It is important that our men are motivated to the work. When people see these kind of results, it motivates them to catch a fire for evangelism. In fact we were so impressed that we have decided to do an outreach of this type during our National Conference in Stuttgart, Germany on October 4th.

Working together internationally is absolutely essential to our Fellowship. We are all a part of the world-wide Body of Christ. We are family and gain strength from each other.

## The Blind See

*Dr. Ulrich von Schnurbein, National President, FGBMFI Germany*

The Hungarian outreach was so wonderful! The miracles just kept on happening. Even when we got tired, they kept coming. It was a testimony to the fact that when we work together internationally, God will do great things. There was no great evangelist. Rather, everyone was working together, and that was marvellous.

In one case God gave me guidance through a Bible verse. Miklos Molnar (National FGBMFI President, Hungary) was praying for a lady with very thick glasses. She could hardly see anything even with the glasses. When I saw this, I prayed quietly, "Lord, give me a word for him." I opened my German Bible and read, "...a blind man will be healed..." I whispered, "Thank you Lord. That is prophetic." Going over to Miklos, I placed the opened Bible on the lady's back and began to pray. God healed her and she left without any glasses. I have never seen such miracles happening in our day.



## Impressive

*Johann Canton, Honduras*

The few days at the Budapest Outreach were very impressive. As a business man I am not used to meetings in parks, but I obeyed the Lord God and came to support this FGBMFI outreach. Now I would not trade that time for anything. The presence of the Holy Spirit was so clear that you could "almost touch it". It was like going back in time to witness the book of Acts first hand. Watching the miracles taking place before my eyes, I did not know what to do. I wanted to cry, laugh, and jump for joy all at the same time. This was the first time I had seen such things in person.

What particularly impressed me was that we were just ordinary business men praying. We simply shared for a few minutes about how wonderful God is and then He did the rest. One lady who was 75% blind received her sight right in front of me. She was also almost totally deaf. I noticed her when Richard Shakarian said, "Get ready, God is going to do something for the blind." When she received her sight and hearing, she began to break down and cry. When we spoke to her she said, "I can not believe what the Lord has done for me!"

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Thank you,  
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## Outreach Agenda

**5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1997:**

**26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1997:**

**12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1997:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1997:**

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**23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1997:**

**25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1997:**

**1<sup>st</sup> November 1997:**

**7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> November 1997:**

**8<sup>th</sup> November 1997:**

**13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November 1997:**

**17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> November 1997:**

**16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> January 1998:**

**17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February 1998:**

**May 1998:**

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Wales Men's Advance.

European Leaders' Seminar in Leuven.

French Swiss Convention, Lausanne.

Slovak Family Camp.

German National Convention in Stuttgart.

Belgium National Convention, Izegem.

Men's Advance, Annan Court, Uckfield, East Sussex.

Ireland National Convention in Athlone.

N.W. Region Advance, Forte Post House, Haydock.

National Day of Prayer and Fasting.

Wessex Convention.

North East (North) Regional Men's Breakfast.

Canadian National Convention, Edmonton, Alberta.

Kniebis/Schwarzwald, Germany.

Georgia Men's Camp, USA.

World Convention, Manila, Philippines.

Israel Jubilee.