



The Carneys to Hungary

Dear Praying Friends,

October 2023 – November 2023

I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday and I'd like to take the opportunity to wish each one of you a Merry Christmas. In Debrecen we will be celebrating the birth of our Saviour and hope to share that message with others.



I am writing this letter from Columbus, Mississippi. On November 18th my sweet mother-in-law, Mrs. Frances Benton left this world to be in the presence of her Lord and Saviour. She is someone who has been a great blessing to me and many others and has long had a wonderful testimony of faith in Christ.

We caught the 7 AM train from Debrecen to Budapest on the morning of the 18th, traveled all day and arrived in Columbus at 11 PM, which was 24 hours later with the time change. We got to the house just a few minutes after she passed. We were hoping to be there before that, but the Lord knows best. My sister in-law said it was kind of rough at the end and she was medicated so it may have been just as well to get there when we did. We could see her one last time before they took her. I had the honor of preaching her funeral on the morning of the 22nd. I preached on "Joy Coming to Stay!" I included a gospel appeal in my message and there were people there who needed to hear it.

As we turned out to be here for the Thanksgiving holiday, we had the opportunity to spend the day with many family members and friends. We had my son TJ and my son Matthew and his wife, Grace, here at the house. It was wonderful to have the time with them. My son Sean was unable to come because of work, but we at least visited quite a bit through video and calls. We have some business to wrap up here, but plan to return to Hungary on December 7th.

Back in Hungary we were fortunate to have Brother Lajos ready to step in and take care of the services. I mentioned in previous letters about where we are in our building renovations. In the spring a church gave us a \$5000 offering and with that they are installing new windows in our building even now. I also mentioned before that we had an issue with our roof project. We had a contractor who took the money for all the supplies and had no intention of doing the work. That money in our current exchange was a little more than \$11,000. We were able to finish the project by doing the contract work ourselves, doing the clean-up, and I put some extra funds into the ministry from our support over the last few months.

We have exhausted every amiable means of trying to recover the money through legal letters and such. Our only recourse now would be to take it to the next level. It is a puzzle what this man is thinking. I met him at the church when we started the project and one day had a good witness with him and gave him a Bible. He seemed happy to get it and open to the message. If we can recover these funds, we will have enough to finish all the last things we want to do to the building. So, we would ask you to pray for that. It would be great if he just decided to give it back. Thank you for your prayers and support. Pray for us as we travel.

In Christ,

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2 Corinthians 4:3 "...if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost"