Brian & Barbara Thompson ~ Hungary



His name is Koppány – Kop (think "cope") for short – and he really doesn't need to be in our weekly English Club. Kop's English is excellent, in part because his mother has been speaking English with him since he was a toddler. He always adds unique perspectives to our conversation with a touch of arrogance and a bit of

Kop's parents are unmarried and atheists. His mother translates American horror films into Hungarian. It seems very dark. About two years ago, Kop's 11-yearold sister died of cancer. His mother is heartbroken, angry,

bitter, and wants nothing to do with God. Our hearts break for them.

Every year we have a "Monday after Palm Sunday" and for us, it represents the perfect time to talk about Jesus in our club. I brought some palms from church, my Bible and the provisions to make Easter cards.

As we were talking about Palm Sunday, Kop noticed my Bible sitting on a desk. He asked if he could read from it. Um...YES! Kop wanted to start at the very beginning, but I encouraged him to start in the Gospel of Mark with Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, through his appearance to Mary Magdalene. For someone who has never seen some of the words in Scripture, Kop read the account remarkably well (he is truly gifted in languages). Toward the end of the reading, Kop said, "My eves are burning!" He closed the Bible for a few minutes, but then opened it to the beginning and began reading Genesis 1. He started asking questions about Creation, and this prompted questions from a couple of the other students. Friends, my heart was beating so fast! I encouraged Kop and the others to continue reading and growing in their sense of curiosity for God's Word, and to continue asking questions. We finished the day by crafting cards with various greetings, including the Hungarian equivalent of Happy Easter – Kellemes Húsvéti Ünnepeket.

Will you pray for the Lord to move powerfully in Kop's heart, as well as the hearts of the rest of the students in our group – Elena, Aurél, and Ádám? Pray, too, for Dani, who is a believer and can be a significant influence in his peers' lives.

Our final Alpha was a celebration dinner and outing. We had pad thai and then went for a hilarious hour of bowling. We were an eclectic group: Egyptians, Lebanese, British, American, Chinese, Cameroon, Hungarian – people from diverse backgrounds and ages, too - and begging the question, "How did we all come together?" It is through the body of Christ!

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Brian & Barbara Thompson

With Deepest Sympathy

We would like to offer our sympathy to Beverly Hauri and the Bob & Deb Hauri Family. Bob and Beverly's mom, Arlene Hauri, passed away Wednesday, April 17th.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of Dale and Lynn Klitzke, and Keith and Penny Ferreri at the death of Dominic Klitzke. Dominic passed away Sunday, April 28th.

> May God's comfort be profound to each of our grieving families.

Next Steps - Step 3 "Our Commitments" ~ Discussing topics of eternal life, spiritual growth, baptism, & church membership! TONIGHT, May 5th at 6:30 pm, LL room #102. *This step is Required for Membership.

Thank you to all who helped with the National Day of Prayer event!

The **Primetimers** invite you to sign up for a bus trip to Oshkosh to visit Ray & Becky Jones on Tuesday, July 9th. The size of the bus will be determined by the number signing up. **Primetimers** will be meeting at Pizza Hut on Friday, May 17th at 11:15 pm for lunch.

Pipeline ~ Sunday, May 19th at 9 am there will be a video and presentation by missionaries Adam & Emily Holverson with Jiran Collective. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Church Softball League will begin before you know it! Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you would like to play softball. Contact person is Bob Hauri, 608-426-0432.

OneMeal: Thank you to everyone who helped purchase over 20,700 meals for hungry children in 3rd world countries. Thank you to everyone who helped pack those meals on Saturday in cooperation with Kids Around the World.

The annual Walk for Life fundraiser for the Care Net Pregnancy Center is Saturday, May 11th 2019. If you would like to walk, sponsor sheets can be found at the Welcome Center.

The Elders recently heard a request for help from a group of Hispanic believers. We witnessed a humble and genuine faith in the leaders who also have a strong desire to reach other Hispanics in our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Elders have granted permission to use our church facility for Thursday night prayer meetings and Sunday afternoon worship services at this time. Please keep this in prayer as the Elders consider what a ministry partnership could look like in the future. If you see any of these brothers & sisters here, please welcome them to the place God has given us for worship, discipleship, and fellowship!



Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School ~ 9 am Pipeline "Effective Parenting" class ~ 9 am, NC Iglesia Biblica Service ~ 1:30 pm - 3:30

pm, NC (12:30-2:30 pm set up)

Monroe, May 13

Elder Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106 Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, May 14

Library Open ~ 10 am - Noon & 1-3 pm Women's Recovery Workshop ~ 7-9 pm

Wednesday, May 15

Seniors Life Group ~ 1 pm, NC

Thursday, May 16

Women's Study ~ 9:30 am, NC Hispanic Prayer Meeting ~ 6 pm, LL #101 Financial Peace Class ~ 6:30 pm, NC NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102

Friday, May 17

Primetimers Pizza Hut Lunch ~ 11:15 am

Friday, May 17 - Sunday, May 19

Weekend to Remember, Madison

Saturday, May 18

Men's Study ~ 9 am, NC

Sunday, May 19

High School Graduation Recognition The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School concludes ~ 9 am Pipeline Guests Adam & Emily Holverson ~ 9 am, NC (Pipeline concludes today) Iglesia Biblica Service ~ 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, NC (12:30-2:30 pm set up)

Week of May 5 - May 11

Today, Sunday, May 5

Lost & Found items on display in the Nehemiah Center today LORD'S TABLE

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School ~ 9 am Pipeline "Effective Parenting" ~ 9 am, NC

Ignite ~ Mini-Golf in Madison, leave

MBC at 1 pm

Iglesia Biblica Service $\sim 1:30 - 3:30$ pm, NC (12:30 - 1:30 pm set-up)

Fusion Youth ~ Leave MBC at 2:15 pm, Ultrazone Laser Tag/Madison (bring meal money)

Next Steps-Step 3 ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Monday, May 6

Prayer Mtg. ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Tuesday, May 7

Primetimers Lunch & Games ~ 10 am – 1 pm, NC/K

Library Open ~ 10 am - Noon & 1-3 pm Women's Recovery Workshop ~ 7-9 pm

Wednesday, May 8

Seniors Life Group ~ 1 pm, NC

Thursday, May 9

Women's Study ~ 9:30 am, NC Hispanic Prayer Meeting ~ 6 pm, LL #101 Financial Peace Class ~ 6:30 pm, NC NA ~ 7 pm, LL #102

Saturday, May 11

Men's Study ~ 9 am, NC Walk for Life

Prayer Focus – Website Ministry Ministry Leader – Justin Brunner Please Pray:

- † The Holy Spirit will draw people to MBC through our website
- † For wisdom for our leaders to represent our church in the best way possible as we work on the design and content of our website
- † Lives to be touched by the sermons, testimonies, music, and other content on the site

Entire Bible	Family Plan
Isaiah 56-58, Luke 9	2 Samuel 11
Isaiah 59-61,	2 Samuel 12:1-14
Ecclesiastes 7	
Isaiah 62-64,	Psalm 51
Ecclesiastes 8, Luke 10	
Isaiah 65-66,	Psalm 32
Ecclesiastes 9	
Micah 1-3,	Psalm 26
Ecclesiastes 10	
Micah 4-5,	
Ecclesiastes 11, Luke 11	



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EMERGENCY

FIRST

AID KIT

<u>Job Opening at Monroe Bible Church</u>: Administrative Assistant Position to the Senior Pastor. Applications and Job Description can be picked up at the Welcome Center or Office.

Please return completed applications to the mailbox of Keith Ferreri, Chairman of the Deacon Board, in the workroom, no later than noon, **Monday, May 13th**.

Three **CRISIS EMERGENCY KITS** have been purchased and are distributed

throughout MBC. These kits are for use during critical situations. They ARE NOT to be used or tampered with otherwise. Kits include hemostatic gauze, tourniquets, entry/exit wound skin gauze, hemorrhage bandage, scissors, splint compression gauze, and gloves. Kits are identified with the label to the right.

Kits are located: 1) Upper Level Kitchen Cupboard by exit to hallway door 2) By the Defibrillator in the Narthex

3) Lower Level Workroom on south wall coat hook

