



Hungarian Gypsy Missions
International

CANDIDATE

**József
Lakatos-Balogh**

CTL PROJECT

COMMUNITY
TRANSFORMATIONAL
LEADERS

PROPOSED BY
HUNGARIAN GYPSY
MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

*Yet this I call to mind
and therefore
I have hope.*

Lamentation 3:21



My name is **József Lakatos-Balogh**, I'm married and the father of five wonderful children. I spent 5 years behind bars in prison before I came to know the Lord. Since my turning to Jesus, I have a harmonious family background. For ten years now, I have been preaching and sharing the Gospel in our local church for the glory of our Almighty God.



CHURCH

I have been working on building the Kingdom of God in Hearts on Fire Church (belonging to HGMI) for 10 years. I serve as a preacher of the Word and a sound technician in worship. I am also involved in missionary work and charity work at our local LovePoint. A few years ago, I also led a home group in Bojt.

We are a church of 60-80 people, including 17 young adults and 15 children. In my congregation, I got a loving big family.





FAMILY BACKGROUND

I was born as a first child, however, my parents divorced when I was 8 years old. I was raised by my grandparents but the void left by my parents and the utter abandonment I felt at the time led me to be in bad company. At the age of 14, I got arrested for fighting. I was sentenced to 5 years in 1995, so I got released in 2000. In the very same year of my release, I met my wife.

When I got out of jail everything changed: the environment where I had been living before, my family and my relatives were no longer living the bad life they had before and I got interested in what had changed their lives. That is how I came to know Jesus Christ. I wondered who He was and one day I was called to the church and had an encounter with God. In March 2004 I was baptized and received Jesus of Nazareth into my heart. Since then my family, my wife, and my children have been serving the Lord. My wife is involved in worship ministry and my 3 older daughters are serving in youth worship.

*'A BRUISED REED HE
WILL NOT BREAK.'*

MINISTRY

I have been an active participant in the Bible School Programme launched by the Hungarian Pentecostal Church for 4 years, and I am also attending the Community Transformational Leaders Training Programme. My goal and plans are to reach as many people as possible with the proclamation of the Gospel. To create and implement more home groups and provide and support families with spiritual help. For me, these are the most important objectives. I want others to know their Savior.

CTL TRAINING

By participating in the training programme, I believe we will be more spiritual. We will get to know each other within the mission. It's a really good thing that we will better understand the biblical principles.