



Hungarian Gypsy Missions
International

CANDIDATE
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CTL PROJECT

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

Lamentation 3:21





My name is **Bálint Bernáth**, I'm married to my gorgeous wife with five beautiful children and a grandchild whom we are raising too. My wife and I serve the Lord together, she helps me in all my work. I'm a Community Development Assistant at the local municipality and also a Municipal Councillor in Hajdúhadháza. Currently, I am the President of the Roma Local Government in Hajdú-Bihar County.

CHURCH

I carry out several tasks entrusted to me in the congregation, helping my pastor, Jenő Lakatos, with all my knowledge to build our community.

I'm passionately serving in several churches, and I also lead three home groups in Hajdúböszörmény (12-15 members), in Hajdúszovát (8-10 people), and in Hajdúhadháza (15 people). These groups are mainly of Roma origin. The mother church is between 60-80 people, but these numbers vary. I want to see revival and renewal in the church, the formation of a new home groups. Mentoring people, helping them in their calling to grow to build the church, helping them in their daily life of faith or whatever problems they come to me with, I can help them, give them advice through the word of God.





LIFE PATH AND FAMILY BACKGROUND

I come from an extended family, I have 5 siblings. My parents passed away when I was young, but they were Christians as well. They attended a Reformed church. My brothers and my sisters are also Christians and ministers. What I am really grateful for is that 80% of my family are converts and church-goers.

Among my children, there are also church-goers and seekers. I'm striving to have all my children turned to Jesus.

As for myself, I was baptised in 1994 in the Pentecostal Mission in Hajdúhadháza. My pastor at that time was András Barta. I felt the call of God, and I started to go to the church. I got baptised in December 1994. A year later, I started to visit a home group, and I also successfully completed the Soul Saving Bible School.

In 1996 I was elected as a presbyter. After taking a leadership position in the church, I started to preach. And within the Mission, I attended the Great Bible School from 2006 to 2008. Since 2009, I'm a leader and servant of God in the Hearts on Fire Church.

MINISTRY AND PLANS

My aim is to grow in my ministry, to lead more people to God, to teach them, and help them on their way. I want to give them a safe background and help to solve their problems. I also want to help my pastor do his work.

I also want my family and me to be an example before them so we can gain more lives to Jesus. I want to set an example to serve God with my whole life.

Though we are experiencing difficulties like lack of perseverance especially among the young ones, we don't give up. They are quick to take offense, and they don't like to learn. We don't give up, we help them in whatever they need, we teach them to walk by faith and not by sight, and how to entrust themselves completely to God.

Matthew 28: 19-20

CTL PROGRAMME

By participating in the programme, I hope that I'll be able to increase my knowledge, and assimilate and use the material in my ministry.

I also want to share and pass on my knowledge so that others can build on it in their ministries. I want to use it in my mentoring work to build up my church.

It is a great possibility to me that I can meet new people, new teachers, and I can learn from their experiences, use those lessons in my own life.

My problem solving skills will definitively develop.

I applied for the Community Transformational Leaders Training Programme because I want to help my church grow, support and teach my brothers in Christ.

I want to grow our church, to spread the word of God among the people, to train disciples for this, to bring people to conversion. God's word must reach everyone.

Albert Durkó has a vision of how many people will be turning to Jesus. I would like to be a part of this work, so that God's word can spread among people, so that Christians can be renewed, strengthened, and they can stand up and carry God's word. May the kingdom of God grow through my ministry.

