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International

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# CTL PROJECT

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

*Lamentation 3:21*



My name is **Rudolf Illés**, I am 24 years old. I work in a factory in Ózd in 4 shifts. I had a difficult childhood. When I was born, my parents gave up on me, so I immediately went to an orphanage with my 2 sisters. From the depth I went through, God pulled me up.



## CHURCH AND MINISTRY

I'm leading the youth group along with my wife and I also serve in worship. I usually preach in 10-15 minutes and I also provide the technical background. There are 15-20 people at the youth services from the age of 7. The Alpha Church is present in several settlements and operates home groups. There are plenty of children, glory to God, more than 100, but we cannot arrange transportation for all of them. There is a great need for children to catch up. In addition to biblical foundations, we also try to help them with school learning. Many children are already learning a foreign language and there are subjects that need tutoring. My wife and I also want to improve their academic performance and start them on a path where they can choose the career that suits them best.







## Family background

When I was born, my parents abandoned me, so I went to an orphanage with my sisters. I wasn't in the orphanage for long because all three of us went into foster care. We were there for almost 10 years. During this time, we went through a lot of hardships, abuse, violence, fear, and so on. After a while, when we could no longer tolerate all that, we sought custody and asked for help and we were taken away that day to an orphanage in Pétervásár for 1 year, then transported to Egercsehi.

After elementary school, I studied to be a hairdresser in high school. I struggled with behavioural problems, fought a lot, didn't study and when I wasn't in the mood I didn't even go to school. The indiscipline in my life was so overwhelming that I was fired from every school. After the institution, I went to see my relatives in a village called Sáta. They said there was a church there. I only went with them to laugh at the people who go there. I have never ruled out the existence of God, I have always believed in Him on some level, but I always tried to hide my faith even from myself. I had a lot of questions about God.

At church, I met the daughter of Pastor Hugó Tivadar Tóth, Gloria, who answered my questions about the Lord. We met and talked a lot, and went to church together. Week by week I felt the change, and I started to take the existence of God seriously and learn more and more about Him. In 2018, I was baptised and gave my life to Jesus. We got married in 2020 and have been doing God's work ever since.

Shortly after that, a wonderful blessing came from God, we were given the opportunity to lead a youth group with my wife within the congregation. We knew right away that God had prepared this service for us because we both love children very much. In addition, my wife also serves in worship, and I really enjoy serving in many other areas.

Concerning the children, we want to teach them unity. We want to organise camps and various team building programs so that they could have a community experience. We also want to join the work of the GypsyAid.

I am very grateful to God that we can follow his beloved son, Jesus. I am also thankful to God for leading me out of the darkness into perfect light. For He is the Way, the Life and the Truth.

## CTL Training

Every time we have training, I get stronger spiritually, and I grow in dedication, perseverance and, most importantly, faith. I put a lot of emphasis on the youth, I try to build their spirit in a biblical way, and it is very important that we also improve their academic results. I emphasise the importance of learning.