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CTL PROJECT

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

Lamentation 3:21

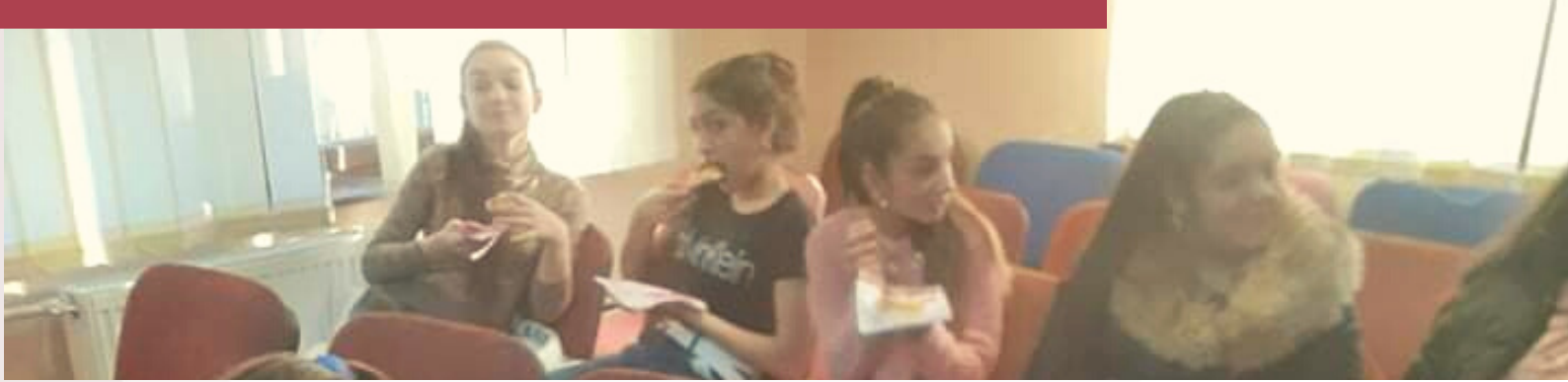




My name is **Róbert Lakatos**. I was born in Mátészalka in a Gypsy family and lived with my parents in Fábánháza until I was 20 years old. My parents were market traders, and later my father worked as a bricklayer and my mother was a housewife. After finishing 8th grade, I continued my studies as a room painter, which I successfully completed. In addition to school and casual work, I attended high school, but due to our financial situation, I was not able to pass the graduation exam. After nearly 20 years, I am now graduating, which I am very happy about.

In 2006, I joined the church in Kótaj. Since then, I have been serving in worship, in technical service, in youth work, and, in the work of the GypsyAid.





Family background and ministry

At the age of 15, I met the Lord during an outdoor evangelism in Fábíánháza. As a child, I worked diligently alongside the Catholic priest and around the church.

After my conversion, I spoke eagerly and sang about the Gospel in my environment, so my parents met the Lord as well. My uncle and I were the first believers in the village, and within a few months we had grown to about 40-50 people, so we joined the Roma church in Nagyecsedi, and after being baptised we became the solid part of the community.

I have been playing several instruments since I was 3 years old, without any musical training, so I joined the worship service. Later, at the age of 18, I met my wife, Enikő, who is also my fellow servant. 3 years later we got married and we have 2 beautiful girls, Virginia and Kamilla.

We try to raise them the way we were raised and represent our faith. In 2013, we managed to buy a small house and we are very grateful for it.

In youth ministry, we have services for about 15-25 people who are between the ages of 4 and 18 and are almost exclusively Roma. Prior to

this, an older age group also appeared on these services, and we tried to involve them in the church through various team building and youth programs.

My goal is to teach the next generation to search for God. I want to be able to raise wise, valuable, young Christians through the word of God. I want to help them in education, work or raising a family and I also want to pass on my love for music to them.

A lot of harmful content on the Internet, desperation for a living, and the deterioration of quality of life are difficulties in the service. It would help if we could support them socially, in education, in job creation, so that more energy could be given to spiritual renewal.

CTL Programme

CTL Training Programme is a great opportunity for me. There is a strong emphasis on Bible knowledge, the subjects are very useful and we are getting to know God more and more. I see stories, basic teachings more clearly, and I can incorporate and apply them into my life and ministry. This way I can spread the Word of God more effectively.