

## The Carneys to Hungary

Dear Praying Friends,

December 2024 – January 2025

We want to wish eveyone a wonderful and blessed New Year! This is an additional letter to update you.

I had a good result on my medical procedures and wanted to share the details about that. When we were in the States I had several medical tests, blood work, and screenings. We had just arrived back to Hungary and the doctor called and said I tested postive for cancer and they believed it was colon cancer. The long story short of how that went is they wanted me to fly right back to States and were requesting more tests "stat." I actually booked return tickets, but then they informed me, though they thought it was urgent they could not get me in till January. Fortunately, I was able to get a complete refund on the ticket.

I decided to check with the private clinic here in Hungary. They also could not get me in till Janaruary, but then they called a week later and said they had a cancellation. I had the pre-visit with the gastroenterologist. After we discussed my blood work and tests in the US, she had enough concerns that she wanted to do the colonoscopy and an endoscopy. She was hopeful that it was not cancer, but gave other possibilities, that were better than cancer, but not great either. I had more blood tests here and went to Budapest for the two scopes. The results were very good, better than we could have expected. Totally no problems and some other problems I was having improved. They did a biopsy and I got the results 12/31/24 that confirmed there was no cancer. You can imagine how thankful and relieved we were.

I had begun communicating about our plans to transition from the field. But, when all this happened I had to slow my roll, because I wasn't sure of the outcome.

As many of you know, In August we ordained Lajos Borzasi into the ministry. We believe the best course for Bible Bapitst Church is to have a national pastor and we trust Lajos is the man God has provided. Our

missionary work is done here, they need a pastor. Once this was determined we began praying about what the Lord would have us do next.

After much prayer and consideration we believe God would have us leave the field of Hungary. We want to install Lajos as pastor the end of February and leave Hungary by the end of March. I can tell you planting a church here has been a 10 year commitment and I have health concerns, etc, but honestly, we know it is what God wants us to do. So, as we have been praying about what to do next, the Lord has opened a door for me to work with the Gobal Independent Baptist Missions as the Director of Communications. This is an opportunity for us to move from the foreign field but still be activitely involved in global missions. I have a heart for that. This is the third time we have ordained a pastor and turned the work over to him. I love church planting, and if the Lord gives me an opportunity to plant another church I would be very happy. However, at this time we believe it is His plan for us to move in this direction. To be clear, I am not leaving the mission field to work with the GIBM, I am leaving the field for God's will and the GIBM is a door of opportunity the Lord has given as a next step.

Working with the GIBM I hope to help improve communctions for our missionaries with other missionaries, the pastors and churches of our fellowship, and the GIBM...as well as, raise support for our organization and promote missions with the hope of reaching out to new potential missionares. We need more missionaries, and I'd like to find more missionaries with our convictions that we can partner with and help reach the globe for Christ. I am not creating a need I am filling it. I am asking our churches to continue to support us in this project so that we can pursue these goals. If my support continues, I can focus on raising support for the GIBM. Also, fully supported I would be available to attend conferences and visit colleges where I can hopefully encourage more people to surrender to the great work of missions, as these opportunities do not provide love offerings to cover expenses. I hope you can help. I would ask, if you are able, will you consider helping us with the needs to follow this plan? We will have extra travel needs and once we get stateside we will need to purchase a car. God has already provided for some of the needs, but these are some things we still need. Thank you for your prayers and support!

In Christ, The Carneys

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2 Corinthians 4:3 "... if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost"