

Mission to Serbia

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Hungary, Romania and Serbia are neighboring countries.



The primary purpose of our four-day trip was to visit and encourage the Hungarian-speaking mission communities in the middle region of northern Serbia. Some of these communities formed as a result of our earlier mission trips and they were our first co-workers in Serbia.

We had also received an invitation from Bishop Német László to participate in an Advent retreat day for children in Nagybecskerek in the eastern region.

Our base for the entire mission was the city of Ada. Here we met with the local charismatic community and shared our experiences of community life. We encouraged them to be totally sincere and faithful to each other. We also celebrated Holy Mass in the main church of the city. Laci led the music ministry and I had the opportunity to preach about the ongoing work of God in the life of every human being and throughout history.

In Szabadka, the local charismatic community was celebrating their 10th anniversary. We were pleased to celebrate with them by participating in a FIRE rally and celebrating Holy Mass. During the rally, I preached the basic Gospel, strongly emphasizing God's unconditional love: He offered Himself as a bloody sacrifice for us while we were still sinners. I also led them in a prayer for repentance and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Our next stop was Zenta. Here we led a holy hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament and celebrated Holy Mass. After Mass, I gave a teaching on allowing the Holy Spirit to draw us into the eternal. The response to this message was dramatic. Virtually all of the 120 people present came forward to receive prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In some cases we led deliverance prayers. This evening was really anointed!

The last stop was in Nagybecskerek. Each Advent, Bishop Német invites children from all the parishes to a retreat at the Cathedral. In addition to children's plays and short programs, the day included nearly 400 children joyfully singing and dancing to Laci's music. The bishop delighted in seeing the joy of his little lambs. +



In Zenta, approximately 120 people received prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



Laci, our music minister, led the singing for a children's Advent retreat in the Nagybecskerek basilica.