

Dear Barbara,

We are so sorry for not writing earlier but it has been an extremely busy period, full of events.

It seems like February will be the same but if God is with us at the end of February we will be able to go on a short vacation for four days to have a little rest and inspiration.

In December we started working on the roof of the church. From the County Council we received \$2500 through application, we added from the congregation's savings another \$2500 and thus we managed to change the tiles and the lath on a quarter of the roof. We finished the work five days before Christmas..and in order to finish we ourselves helped the workers .

We had a wonderful Christmas with lots of snow and freezing cold☺ . We haven't had such a beautiful winter for a long time, it's true though that with the snow a big cold came as well. It was minus 20 degrees for weeks, even one of our heating pipes got frozen too.

Here at New Years Eve we have church service on 31st December from 5pm. , this is when we say goodbye to the old year and the next day, on 1st January from 11am we say 'hello' to the new year.

In January we have a lot of meetings because this is the time when we plan what we want to accomplish in the new year. We also have to close the old year and this means a lot of paper work.

We were thrilled to hear that our brothers and sisters from Milford are interested in visiting our village. We welcome everyone with love - it is a great pleasure and joy to have visitors here. About the dates: July would be the best time for us. This is mainly because it seems like our second child is coming in September (just as Fannika)☺ ;this means that from August it would be difficult for Kinga to be there to help out. And we really need her by all means! ☺ There's no need to limit the number of the visitors, we welcome everyone who wants to come!

We were very sad to learn that you are leaving the congregation on 30th June ☹..It must have been a difficult decision but the reason of your decision you know best. However we believe that this doesn't mean the end of our personal relationship too because our friendship and our love does not depend on the position. It has been a great joy for us to get to know you and your family, and thank you so much for always helping this relationship to work and to nourish.

This year we will have two main events:

1. The inauguration of the minister- this is a ceremonial event when they 'hand over' the congregation to me. This should have been held long time ago but unfortunately we didn't have the chance to organize it.
2. The bishop's visit – this is a huge event since this only happens in every 35-40 years. They 'examine' the whole congregation and then a big festivity follows. This will be in November.

In the meantime we would like to continue the work on the roof of the church because it is in a really bad shape. Based on estimated calculations we will be able to do half of the roof this year. This would be great progress.

Over and above we are planning smaller works as well but it would be a long list to write down now.

We think of you with lots of love and we are sending our greetings to every member of your family and congregation. We wish you a new year filled with joys and blessings!

Love,
Tamas & Kinga