



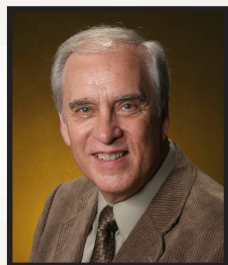
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## Websters True Definition of a Mother

We celebrated our Mothers this month. What a vast and deep subject, to try to define what a mother is. But here's what Webster says.

*A mother is a selfless, loving human being who must sacrifice many of their wants and needs for the wants and needs of their family and especially their children. A mother works hard to make sure her children are equipped with the knowledge, skills and abilities to make it as a competent human being.*

Not from the dictionary, but also very true.

*A mother is a caregiver and unconditional love giver, housekeeper, cook, baker, taxi driver, psychologist, doctor and disciplinarian. She is the one who bears the burden of everything good and bad as the days wear on. She does so much, and, might not get much appreciation.*

*And here's what God's word says about mothers.*  
• Isaiah 49:15: "Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne?"

• Proverbs 31:25: "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."

• Proverbs 31:26: "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

• Proverbs 31:28-29 - Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

**TO ALL OF OUR MOTHERS**  
**We Love You For Being Our Mom**  
**And Wish You Much**  
**Joy and Happiness Being The**  
**Person God Has Called You To Be.**

## Summer Camp 2024 Starting Strong!

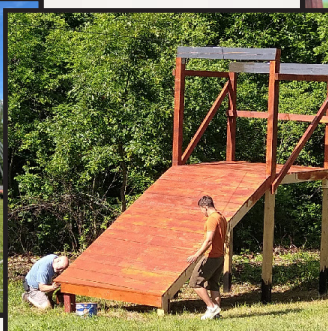
What many people are not aware of or do not think about when we mention kids summer camp is the fact that camp actually starts with all of the planning and preparation weeks before the kids start coming for their fun week of camp.



This is the stage we're in right now, although the month of April is when we begin preparing, camps are in June, July and August.



some of the structures, painting, repairing, cleanup, etc. They did an amazing job! *Thank you again, Team Scotland!*  
*Absolutely amazing what you were able to accomplish in a very short time.*



After the Scottish team left, immediately our dear friend, David Schwartz, from NC, came to help our local team to continue working primarily on the finishing of the 6 cabins, outside and inside. We now have the framework finished, but wait . . . until you see the final product, they're going to be beautiful!

We cannot express enough, our thanks and appreciation to you, our friends, for all of your prayers and generosity in supporting this major project. What a blessing for the kids!

# Camp Sponsorship



**Here's how you can help**  
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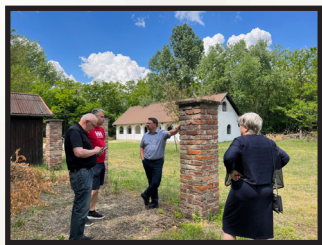
## Latest Development In Hungary



This is a story many of our friends are unaware of, at least in more recent years. Friendship International's Hungarian ministry was a thriving mission for years, under the leadership of Nina Stephenson. Approximately 8 years ago, because of critical health issues, it was necessary for her to leave the mission and return to the States, where she convalesced until her death in 2021.

From the time Nina left the mission, leadership was lacking, until the ministry finally came to an end in Hungary. From then on our beautiful camp and conference center began to deteriorate.

We were concerned but prayed and trusted the Lord. One day we received an email from the Baptist Church in Debrecen, inquiring what our plans were with the Camp, or what we called The Farm.



Over time, they shared with us the growth of the church's outreach ministry to the community and their need for a place like The Farm to start a fairly new ministry for Hungary in assisting and caring for the elderly, a need not many churches have addressed in this country, and not at all in the eastern part of the country, around Debrecen.

They have since also relayed to us that they would like this to be a multi-functional facility to also include a camp environment for

kids, youth and families, as well as a location for regional conferences. They agreed that our facilities, with over 17 acres, could easily accommodate any and all of their future ministry endeavors.

The road to the final transfer of title to the Church was not easy, but at every legal challenge, God made a way and we found favor with the overseeing Judge of our case. Praise the Lord.

After talking with the church committee on several occasions it became clear to them and us that this was the plan God had laid out for our beautiful camp. In the photo at the top of this article you see on May 15, 2024, Del Huff, Director of F.I. shaking hands with Pastor Janos Kiss and turning over the keys to The Farm to the Hungarian Baptist Church of Debrecen.

Not only has this transfer of ownership of The Farm resolved both our mission and the church's needs, but there is a silver lining to this seemingly unsolvable situation; The Baptist Church was Nina's home church the entire time she lived in Debrecen and one of her final wishes before leaving Hungary was that her church would eventually receive possession of the Camp for their use.

*To God Be The Glory, Great Things He Has Done and Will Do.*

**\*UKRAINE\***  
**LET US NOT FORGET!**



*2024 will be the third year since Russia invaded Ukraine. We see the resilience of the Ukrainian people, fighting for the freedom of their country. Since April of 2022, F.I has been a part of encouraging the Ukrainian people.*

**Another transport of**  
**Humanitarian Relief to Ukraine**  
**is scheduled in June.**  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

**We ONLY need \$1,000 more to fill one van.**

## HERE ARE 2 WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

1. **Donate any amount** towards the purchase of food, water, daily essentials.
2. **Send a refugee child to camp** this coming summer. The cost for one child, for one week, is \$75.-, you may sponsor more than one.

## Recovery Is Coming, Slow But Sure



Praise the Lord! Everything is headed in the right direction. Both Adi and Tabita are seeing improvement in their health. Adi

was able to work at the camp with the Scottish team the first week of May. But he must conscientiously restrict himself from lifting anything over 10 kilo. Tabita's B12 deficiency is improving but very slowly, with significant pain in her legs when she does not rest often, and she is weak. Praise the Lord She was able to go out to the camp and have lunch with the work team, but no more. She will be missed during the camps this summer. Pray for workers to take her place for the almost 9 weeks of camp.



## Update from Chile

Yesterday Miguel received news about the result of the biopsy.

Unfortunately the tumor is malignant, and although the doctor who operated on it says that he removed everything, he cannot be confident that there was no metastasism. So he sent Miguel to an oncologist for diagnosis.

The doctor who operated on him has his suggestions for treatment, but ultimately the one who decides what is best is the oncologist. Today he undergoes an MRI. They already gave him the order to take the result to the oncologist on the day of the visit and that will allow him to make better decisions. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors and Miguel as to the next steps to be taken.

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