

(NOTE: BELOW THIS LETTER FROM ERZSI BODOR IS ANOTHER LETTER FROM REV. BOTI)

(Summer 2007)

A letter from Erzsi Bodor, Torockoszentgyorgy, Transylvania.

It has been a while since we have had a letter from Erzsike (Erzsi) Bodor, one of our former scholar students who graduated last year from the Unitarian high school. She's taking college courses via the internet. Her letter is very chatty and lets us catch up on village life. Erzsi was hired to be the receptionist at the new pension which is going through their adjustments. Good to hear that the staff is speaking up - something new for Transylvanians. I know you will enjoy her letter.

Isten aldjon, Ginger Brewer, Chair, Partner Church Ministry

Dear Ginger,

Now I was the last one and didn't reply to your letters, but the truth is that I was pretty busy also.

In June I had to pass the second set of exams. I am glad to tell you that I passed it with pretty high grades: 8.5, 9, 9.5, 9, 6, 9. I also passed the exam I failed to take in February. It was quite hard to work and study in the same time. I love the job that I am doing. I think that this is the only thing that keeps me going on, because otherwise it is very hard. I am not only receptionist, I am also a waitress, room cleaner and help beside the cooks. I never know when I will be coming home. Now the staff decided to tell Marta(our boss) to make us a schedule otherwise we'll all brake at some point. I also have trouble with the heat again. Last night was the second night I had to be brought home, because my nose started to bleed, which lasted for an hour. A month ago I fainted and broke my head over my left eye, which had to be sewed. This is the worst part of my job. The best part is that I have the chance to meet very different people from very different places. We had visitors from Hungary, Portugal, Burundi(Africa), München(Germany), Amsterdam(Holland) Jerusalem (Israel) and from Szekelyland. This way I had the chance to speak some English in case I get rusty. The name of the pension is: "SZEKELYKO KURIA". The 'Szekelyko' is the Hungarian name of the Sleeping Giant (the mountain) and 'Kuria' means mansion. Our pension can be used as a B&B also. Nobody has opened one yet.

The portals are permanent and we hope that they will stay there for centuries to come. They were made from the surrounding forests by a man that lives in the village. I don't know his name, but by the time you will be back in TSG I will find out. The cleaning of the streets was made by everyone in front of their gate.

Things started to start moving since the community assessment. They started to do the new water system. A company from our county is making it. My father was hired by them at the beginning of this month. The work won't be finished this year. About the sewer system I don't know much. My sister quit her job and now she is staying home.

Unfortunately the Village Days left a mark on Rev. Boti. He had a football accident

with his leg and he had to make a surgery. He had a pretty hard time to recover from it. Thank God now he can walk without a cane and he can keep the services by himself.

Well the computer learning center is opened, but it's used only to play games, because the internet doesn't work any more.

I do remember Enika Anderson Young. How is she? I am very glad I got to be there the first time she came back to her roots.

The Unitarian Women's conference will be on 1st of September with the arriving on 31st of August and leaving on 2nd of September. I don't know the precise program yet, but I will find out and let you know ASAP.

I am glad that you have time to maintain a garden. I believe that nothing is more wonderful than to see the seeds that you planted to come out and grow big. I don't know what rhubarb means. I checked in my dictionary and I found it, but I still don't know. Will you be so kind and explain it to me?

I think the best time for you to come is on the Village Days. Then you won't have to do anything, because the villagers do everything and you can enjoy yourselves. Like real tourists do. Remember to come only one day before the festivities. Of course this is just a thought, but a very good one, I suppose.

Take care of yourself and your family.

Hugs,
Erzsi

(January 2007)

A letter from Rev. Boti, Minister to the Unitarian Church in Torockoszentgyorgy

(this letter is to all of us, and speaks to the new things happening in our partner village. For those of you who are new to our Fellowship, we share a partnership with this village in Transylvania. Take a minute to stop by our partnership table during the coffee hour.)

Dear all,

Weather is very mild this winter, we did not have any snow so far, I don't think that March will be different.

We are working hard on three different projects:

1. We won a grant for starting the village caretakership in TSG. I just bought a little car, in two weeks we'll open a position for a woman who will have the role of visiting sick, giving medical care, taking those in need to the hospital or regular checkups, etc. The grant covers the cost of a car, insurance, salary etc. for one year! It is very exciting, we had success with our (our) common caretaker with Torocko, now we want our own person!
2. We'll organize the first Days of St. George in late April. We sent out 150 invitations for St. Georgians spread around the world, it's gonna be fantastic to see them home! It will be three days of culture, fun, but also lots of work. We had 4 preliminary meetings with 20-45 people attending! It would be great to have some people from East Shore coming!!!
3. We are the organizers of the National Women's Federation's meeting, in September!

So, this is it. We will be out for a week to Italy for skiing, starting from Saturday. I can hardly wait to rest a little bit! (Boti, Eva and Botika taking a week vacation, much needed)

We are fine and healthy, there was a big wind-storm which damaged the roof of the church, and took one of our clocks from the tower, but now all is well!

Much love from here, I can pick up my mail till Saturday!

Boti