

The Becker Family's Prayer News - Fall 2019

On Fire for God

1Corinthians 3,13 *"...each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. "*

"My heart's on fire for the Lord" - a phrase which we may use from time to time to describe our feelings for Him, for the Only One. But is it really true for our lives and our actions as Christians as well? Do we really reflect the light of God so that others will be attracted to the source – to the Lord Himself?

At the beginning of the 4th century the Roman army had many different special units already but one of these was reserved only for the toughest soldiers: the roman fire brigade headed by the late centurion Florian Von Cetum.

Florian was not just a skilled officer but he was way ahead of his time in many aspects. His discovery of how structural fires can be only extinguished by a trained brigade and in a planned matter made him become the founder of the first organized firefighting brigade in the world. He laid down the basics of modern firefighting and people's rescue from burning buildings and military tents. Florian, a native from nowadays Upper Austria, was not only a very bright and talented leader of 7.000 men in the fire brigade, but was also known for his kind heart towards people in need, even strangers. His professional and personal qualities made him famous so the caesar of the Roman Empire wanted him to join the government to help with ongoing reforms at the time. Florian's intent to help others came by no mistake. At the same time of his starting military career he discovered something else as well and that "something" changed his life for ever. It was the Word of God and the new faith in Jesus Christ. By studying the Word he found out that there is no other choice

but to help people in need and share the love of God in word and action. Also from that time on he was not afraid of death any more and constantly evangelized his own soldiers to believe in God, Who can save anybody from any danger. From now on he was looking up and saw the glory that can only be seen with a changed heart.

But not only his heart changed, times changed as well. Diocletian appeared on the throne and Christians were persecuted all around the empire. After professing his faith in front of Diocletian himself Florian refused to go back to pagan service and give up Christ and very soon he found himself bonded to the stake with a starting fire at his feet. But the stake just wouldn't burn and the Romans, fearing the wrath of their own gods because of burning their innocent and beloved centurion, were quickly tying a rope with a giant mill stone to his neck and drowned Florian in the river Enns.

The man was drowned but the testimony of his life, showing the love of the Lord, remained, and it shows us even today what it means to be really on fire for God. Let us show this Light to the children around us!

Thank you for being part of this by praying for our family and for our ministry!

Yours in Christ: Balázs

STARTING GOOD NEWS CLUBS

In May Ildikó could officially start two new regular Good News Clubs in our area where there has been no Bible teaching for children at all before. It is still hard sometimes to get the parents motivated so that children come but slowly we see progress. We want to give thanks to the Lord for that and for every attending child. May our Lord open more doors in the neighboring villages so that others can receive the Gospel too! Please pray and support this new ministry of us!

SERVING AS A FAMILY

We saw many blessings, big and small miracles this summer. One of them was that we could serve and bring God's Word to many children and families *as a family!* We believe that it is a great privilege to be able to do that and we are thankful that although it is not our primary ministry we had the freedom to do this. We can remember how great a testimony it was for us when we saw a family serving joyfully together in the presence of the Lord when we were young. There were fruits that could be seen and it is our prayer that other children and families can see this Light through our service as well. So we did that: Tamás quickly learned to play the guitar, we worked together as family at our LEGO® events, taught the Bible lessons and tried new ways to attract children to the Gospel, including first aid workshops and reanimation workshops (CPR) at the camps and evangelistic outreaches we were invited to.

CAMPS AND MORE

Summertime means camptime but due to the secondary job of Balázs (which is working at the Hungarian National Ambulance as a paramedic) we had limited time to join brothers and sisters in the camp ministry. So actually we could be part of two one-week camps, one in Vienna/ Austria and one at Bereg Camp in the Ukraine. But God provided some more days off so we were invited to several places for a one-day or two-day ministry and we were allowed to evangelize even in a junior fire brigade camp and in a Catholic camp in Hungary. Other ministries included a Family Movie Afternoon, Florian's Day event, and a few outdoor outreaches nearby. God made it also possible to give testimony to a local congressman and show him what our mission is about. In our opinion it is important that people around us know what we are doing and that they see, even if they are still not believing, that God is working in the hearts of children in their part of the country.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are missionaries with CEF Central Europe (Child Evangelism Fellowship Central Europe). Our ministry is made possible through generous supporters who are praying for our service and providing for our financial need.

If you consider to help us by praying and supporting, please contact us and we will help you with the details.

THANK YOU!

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