

NEWSLETTER 2024 | SUMMER

Warm greetings to our Readers!

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path" - for 30 years, this verse from the Psalms has been SU Hungary's verse; it defines our organisation's mission and activities. The aim when the founders created the charity was to enable local churches to carry out their evangelisation and mission as effectively as possible. Fundamentally they did this by publishing church group Bible studies (*Discipleship Explored*), youthwork (*Start*) and evangelism (*Christianity Explored*). For 27 years, **Roadsign** (*Útjelző*) was a great resource to help youth into the habit of routine individual Bible study, until its replacement this year by the [ut-on.hu](https://www.ut-on.hu) website.



Besides our publications, another important mission is our summer (English) kids' camps. Over the last 30 years, we have reached many many kids and volunteers with the gospel message. Lots of children later became volunteers, or took on pastoral work.

Looking back at *SU Hungary's* three decades, we could say that God and his word have always led us, like the pilgrims from the psalm. There are three consequences of this:

Commitment: We know who we are following, only Him. Like Peter, we confess to Jesus, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68-69)

Purpose: It's not us that figures out where we're going. We know that Jesus is the light of the world (John 1) and we also follow that light.

Humility: A candle lights up a few steps ahead with safety. We only know what the next 1-2 steps are, but we can't see destination for sure. A lot of humility is needed for this. We have been through this lots of times with *SU Hungary*, when dealing with financial pressures or insufficient volunteer numbers.

Finally we can say with the prophet's words: **"Thus far the Lord has helped us"** (1 Sam 7:12)

With love,

Györfly Eszter, National leader

UTON WEBSITE AND APP

Útjelző, SU Hungary's printed Bible reading guide, was replaced by the mobile friendly [ut-on.hu](https://www.ut-on.hu) website from 1st January 2024. It's more than just moving the previous printed booklets online: the contents and function have become richer, aligned to today's young people's habits.

The majority of young people use phones to find out information on everything, which is why it was important for the website to be optimised for mobiles, and soon the app will be ready. The concept for the site is **'being on the road'**. In this system, the reader decides how far they can go on their journey - how much time they want to spend on their devotional - from a short take-away verse to the complete passage, a deeper teaching, even background information, all guided by icons. The devotions can also be listened to on **Spotify**. There are also themed **Bible study guides** available on the site aligned to different life situations for youth.



PATHFINDERS

In addition to daily Bible reading we consider it important that young people belong to community. For this reason we organised the **Pathfinders** conversation series on Biblical topics relevant to young people, linked into the website. We searched for locations to invite young people to these occasions. The basic aim of the series is to help pastors of churches in their youth work. That's why in the spring series we held two events in the church in Calvin Square, near to our office. The recordings of the conversations are available as *podcasts* in the menu, under **Extra**.



>> PRAY FOR OUR SUMMER CAMPS! The more volunteers we have, the more camps we can organise, and we can have a greater impact on children and young people's lives!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE READING?

Everyone who starts studying the Bible comes up against the Apostle Philip's question. It's an especially large challenge for today's teenagers and university students. We consider it our mission to help young people in this: in the development of joyful, routine and understandable Bible reading. For this reason we held a **Bible reading conference** in Ráday House. The invited speakers searched for the answer to this question: how can we understand young people's situations and help them to willingly read the scriptures every day? The materials from the conference are available on the website.



CAMP CONFERENCE

Encouraged by last summer's kids camp conference, this year on April 15th we again brought together those organisations for which local church kids camps play an important role. We presented our most recent camp materials: **Superheroes**.

Similar to last year, the *Child Evangelism Fellowship* (CEF) and the *ReMa Foundation* presented their camp materials and a representative from the *Foundation for Christian Education and Morals* (KOEN) shared about their programs for this year.

The conference closed with a short round table discussion, during which the participants shared their experiences, and furthermore, how this event alongside the others could continue.



Gizella Kalicz (KOEN)

SUPERHEROES

Who are the real superheroes? We can quickly call out the answer: those who have supernatural abilities...they fly, throw cars, walk on the ceiling, stop time, protect the innocent, stand up for truth...How does this link in with faith, God, and following Jesus?

Following last year we published the **Superheroes** summer camp material. The camp program introduces **God's heroes** to 7-12 years old, who were entrusted with difficult tasks, sometimes in seemingly impossible circumstances. Every day, the kids get to know one of the superheroes of faith's lives, and **only one of them was a perfect heroes**, whose salvation is not just temporary. The book helps teachers, children works and churches to hold a 5 day camp, complete with detailed program and extra contents.



NYÁRI TÁBOROK

This year we are working on a special program, **The Big Race**, using the Olympic theme and drawing on *Eric Liddell's race* 100 years ago in Paris. His name is well known in Anglo-Saxon circles (less so in Hungary) as someone who perhaps lived out to the greatest extent what it meant to run the race in life, faithfully following Jesus.

KUALA LUMPUR - BRIDGING THE GAP

In March, the opportunity arose to represent Hungary in **Malaysia** alongside 120 national *Scripture Union movements*. Each member country contributed their own flavours to give an experience over the course of the **Global Gathering** like a foretaste of the shared eternal heavenly home. The participants' reports are available here.



NEW PUBLICATIONS

HARRY VOSS: SCRUFF AND THE NIGHT REVENGING

At the end of May the fourth in this youth fiction series was published with Harmat Publishing.



THANKSGIVING

- God's provision up until now, and donations
- The 30 year anniversary thanksgiving celebration
- Superheroes and the latest Vadóc book becoming available
- The launch of the ut-on.hu website and Pathfinders

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ut-on.hu to reach more and more youth
- Summer camps, new volunteers
- New financial sources, supporters
- Pathfinders podcast series continuation
- God to lead and show the way in the future

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