

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

June 2026

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

Psalms 119:105



Dear Reader,

"God, show me what is going to happen in six months!" – we often have a strong desire to see how our lives and circumstances will unfold. God, however, often only illuminates the next step. God does not place a floodlight in our hands; He gives us a lamp.

The light of the lamp does not reveal the whole road: it gives only as much light as is needed moving forward. Therefore, walking the narrow path is always a matter of trust: do I trust God's guidance even when I cannot see far ahead?

During the past few months of ministry at Scripture Union Hungary, we have experienced this truth in a special way. In February, organizing the summer camp conference, developing and launching a new camp leader training initiative, participating in the Youth Leaders' Training (IVK) in March, preparing for the July English summer camps, and running the second round of the Vadóc online reading challenge all brought many tasks and challenges for the Scripture Union team. Many times, we could not see the whole process or the solutions ahead of us, only the next task that God had entrusted to us.

We experienced a similar guidance in financial matters as well. The Lord did not provide everything that we needed all at once, but step by step. There were times when we were given light only for one or two steps ahead, yet what we needed always arrived at the right time.

Looking back, it became clear to us: **God does not lead us this way because He wants to make us uncertain, but because He wants to teach us faith. To hold on not to our own plans, but to His Word. The light of the lamp may seem small, but it is enough to keep us from losing our way.**

Eszter Györffy
National leader



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CONFERENCES THIS YEAR

4. SUMMER CHILDREN'S CAMP CONFERENCE

On 16 February 2026, we held our **Summer Children's Camp Conference** for the **fourth** time. We are very happy that more and more organisations are joining this professional forum, whose primary aim is to support those serving in summer church camps for children. Around 40 participants, including pastors, religious studies teachers, volunteers and church associates attended the conference.

By organising this conference regularly, we aim to provide inspiration, practical support, and opportunities for connection for all those serving among children.

During the afternoon, several organisations presented their latest camp materials and shared their experiences. **Scripture Union Hungary** introduced its new publication, **Time Travellers**. The **CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship)** associate introduced their "**Arató Fesztivál**" material, based on the Book of Ruth. **KOEN (Foundation for Christian Education and Moral Formation)** introduced their 2026 camp materials in a short video. Participants also attended a presentation by an associate of the **Titus Religious Foundation** on the role of games and storytelling, as well as on how a summer camp week can become a genuine experience of community and faith for children. Two organisations also introduced themselves as new participants: the **Szentjánosbogár Közösség (Firefly Fellowship)** and **Bárka Tábor (Camp for underprivileged children)**.

The programme concluded with a roundtable discussion and exchange of experiences, providing an opportunity for mutual encouragement and shared reflection.





TIME TRAVELLERS-NEW CAMP PUBLICATION

Who has not dreamed as a child of being a time traveller, meeting people from earlier times, or even the characters of biblical stories? The camp programme titled **Time Travellers** invites children aged 7–12 on a special journey, where they can meet New Testament figures from 2,000 years ago. They are all authentic witnesses who personally encountered Jesus and experienced His miracles and love. The book and workbook are available in our webshop and at our office.



IVK - 2026 - RESTORATION

Scripture Union was present at IVK! During our stand on Friday and Saturday, we had the opportunity to meet and have several meaningful conversations with many interested visitors and fellow workers.

On Saturday, our foundation's director, **Eszter Györffy**, led the **morning devotion**, during which she also had the opportunity to introduce our **Út-on app** and its different ways of use and application. Participants of the morning session then reflected on the passage in small groups, sharing their thoughts based on the latest devotion in Út-on. Later that day, we also gave a short presentation to interested participants about the goals of **Scripture Union Hungary** and **Út-on**, as well as **our ministry among young people**.

We would like to thank the Ifjúságépítők and IVK teams for their supportive presence, and we look forward to the opportunity to meet again soon.



CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING - MARCH 2026

In March and April, Scripture Union Hungary held camp volunteer training sessions. We invited both experienced volunteers and those who are just getting to know this area of ministry. The first part of the training, in March, focused on **child protection** and was designed for all those who feel the calling to serve in summer camps. We began the session with games that helped participants relax and get to know each other, followed by a short devotion that gave spiritual grounding to the afternoon. This was then followed by the professional training part.

In the first part of the training programme, led by **Ildikó Csányi**, the focus was on recognising and handling child protection situations. Alongside the theoretical background, we reflected on how to respond in uncertain or sensitive situations through concrete examples and situational exercises. Volunteers also demonstrated the scenarios and possible solutions through role-play. We discussed the importance of boundaries, as well as situations that can easily arise in a camp setting but still require careful and conscious attention.

In the second block, **Sarolta Gloviczki** spoke about creating an inclusive camp environment. The focus was on how to build a camp atmosphere where participants with special educational needs and atypical development can also feel safe and comfortable. One of the key messages of the training was that children with atypical neurological development should not be seen as a difficulty, but rather we should understand their specific needs and adapt our approach accordingly. The speaker also introduced practical tools and supportive items that can be used in everyday camp life to strengthen children's sense of safety and involvement. Afterwards, we discussed related camp situations in small groups.

Finally, the event was concluded with a roundtable discussion, where there was space for questions, sharing experiences, and joint reflection. Then we closed the training with a time of prayer together before saying goodbye to one another.



GROUP AND ACTIVITY LEADER TRAINING - APRIL 2026

In April, a one-and-a-half-day camp preparation training was held for those who would like to get involved in camp ministry, as well as for those who already have experience but want to reflect more intentionally on their leadership role. The Friday afternoon programme began with community games that helped participants arrive and connect with one another. This was followed by a short devotion and a time of prayer, which gave spiritual grounding for our time together.

Afterwards, **Eszter Győrffy** gave an introductory presentation on the **background of camping ministry**. She spoke about the development of camps in Hungary, their historical roots, and what makes a camp truly valuable for children, especially from a Christian perspective. After the presentation, the work continued in **small groups**. Participants approached camp ministry from different leadership perspectives and reflected on what principles would shape a camp in each of those approaches. As a result, they put together a "**camp codex**" in which they expressed what is most important to them in community life, what rules they consider essential, and how to create a safe yet lively environment for children.

The groups then presented their "codex" to one another, which provided a good starting point for sharing experiences.

The Saturday programme once again began with a devotion, followed by an exercise called "**Attention – Discipline**", which focused on developing active listening and intentional presence. Through paired conversations, participants experienced how challenging it can be to truly pay attention to another person. This was followed by a **situational exercise**, where a camp morning was simulated in small groups. Everyone had the opportunity to try out different roles. During the joint reflection, participants shared their experiences and insights, and discussed how to balance attention between the programme, group dynamics, and individual needs.

In the second part of the day, **Borbála Demjén** led a practice-oriented session on **play pedagogy**. Participants not only received theoretical insights into the role and importance of play, but also had the chance to try out different types of games. Afterwards, they reflected together on which situations and age groups these games could be most effective for. At the end of the training, participants themselves took on the role of game leaders, which created a great atmosphere and gave space to learn from one another's methods.

The weekend concluded with a group discussion and closing circle, where everyone could share what they learned during the two days. Several participants also spoke about the child protection training in March, and in this way the learning process came together nicely. The event was finished with a time of prayer together.



AUSTRIA - 2026 - COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING-EUROPE

In May 2026, the leaders of the European Scripture Union movements met once again. The nearly four-day gathering was hosted this time by the **Scripture Union Austria (Bibellesebund)** from 13 to 16 May in Bad Goisern, Upper Austria.

This year's meeting focused on **maintaining freshness in mission and ministry, preventing burnout, supporting and equipping staff, and managing leadership responsibilities.**

The Thursday afternoon workshop ("Managing Others") centred on how to become intentional and effective leaders in a mission context, where our work can help others to grow and serve more effectively.

On Thursday evening, we were given a small glimpse into the life, culture, and wide-ranging mission of our Austrian partner organisation. On Friday afternoon, we visited the Kaiservilla in Bad Ischl, and afterwards admired the beautiful little town of Hallstatt.

We would like to thank our former leader, **Erzsébet Komlósi**, for the organisation, and we are grateful for the hospitality and kindness of our Austrian hosts.



WE ARE 500!



Scripture Union Hungary is primarily supported by **donations**, which makes it possible for us to continue our mission among children, teenagers and adults. Our work depends on having a stable foundation. Our most essential costs include staff salaries, office rent and utilities, which place a continuous burden on the organisation. God has led us to the vision of building a **community of 500 regular supporters** who would contribute at least 3,000 HUF (£7) per month to support our mission.

Thanks to a special support programme, **from May 2026 until the end of April 2027, every 3,000 HUF (£7) given by a donor will be worth 6,000 HUF (£14) per month for us over 12 months!**

We are glad that many have already responded to our invitation and have become committed supporters over the past 2–3 months. We have already reached 10% of our goal of building a community of 500 supporters. We trust that even more will join this circle, strengthening us in knowing that we are not alone in this ministry.

In this way, we can remain sustainable in the long term: the message of the Bible can continue to reach children, young people and communities through our publications, the Út-on Bible reading app, and our English camps.

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II. VADÓC - READING COMPETITION



Building on the interest and success of last year, together with the **Reformed Pedagogical Institute**, we launched an **online reading competition** this academic year for students in Grades 2–7, connected to our Vadóc youth novels. The competition was based on the first two volumes of Vadóc.

In the first round, students completed a multiple-choice quiz. In the second round, they could choose from creative challenges related to the book — one of which was to bake the cake from the story and share it with others. A total of 55 students registered for the competition and 21 completed both rounds.

We were delighted to receive many unique and high-quality submissions! We are planning to organise further Vadóc competitions in the 2026/2027 academic year.

The mysterious hero of the abandoned factory

Dear Readers,

A very exciting and scary event happened recently in the abandoned factory. Lucas and Vadóc went inside the old, dark building out of curiosity, but they had no idea what danger was waiting for them. Suddenly, huge barefoot “giants” appeared and started chasing them.

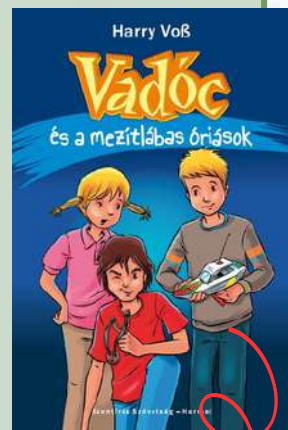
The boys started to run, but Lucas fell over, and probably broke his leg. He was in a lot of pain, and couldn't stand up. Vadóc didn't leave him, he helped Lucas and they tried to get away together. They were very scared, because the two older boys were getting closer.

Vadóc and Lucas reached a dead end and couldn't get out. The two Goliats almost caught them. They were so close that they could almost touch Vadóc, who called out for help loudly to Jesus. Something incredible happened. A mysterious figure appeared out of nowhere. He was brave and strong, and stood up against the “giants”.

The mysterious savior then helped Lucas and Vadóc. He checked Lucas' leg, and led them to safety. The boys were very grateful, because without him they might not have escaped at all.

This incident showed that even in the scariest situations, help can arrive, and true friends never leave each other behind.

Written by: Evelin Hetényi



We warmly congratulate the winners!

Vadóc és a múlt titkai (Vol 1) Grades 3–5

1. Evelin Hetényi
2. Sarolta Kovács
3. Ábel Kovács

Vadóc és a múlt titkai (Vol 1) Grades 6–7

1. Áron Balázs
2. Hanna Kiss
3. Janka Rita Márton

Vadóc és a múlt titkai (Vol 2) Grades 3–5

1. Evelin Hetényi
2. Enikő Federics
3. Áron Kecskés

Vadóc és a múlt titkai (Vol 2) Grades 6–7

1. Júlia Selmeczi
2. Bíborka Sárdy



2026.CAMP PREPARATION WEEKEND



This year's camp theme is **Reel Connection - Connect!** The theme of "Presence" is especially important, as **Generation Alpha** is constantly surrounded by screens. Our goal is for children to experience what it means when **God is present in their lives, that God is calling them to form a relationship with them.** Between 12-14 June 2026, our volunteer and staff team worked through these questions together. We hope that alongside our experienced volunteers, our new team members will also arrive well prepared, full of enthusiasm and anticipation to serve the children together with our international helpers.

Summer CAMP



ENGLISH CAMPS

06.07 - 10.07. 2026
BUDAPEST-SZEMERETÉLEP
TATABÁNYA-BÁNHIDA
SZADA
ÁPORKA



13.07 - 17.07. 2026.
TAKSONY
BUDAPEST-RÁKOSPALOTA-
ÚJVÁROS



We would love to have you as a volunteer next year! Apply here: taborok@gmail.com

ÚT-ON - DEVELOPMENTS

We have good news: the Út-on Bible Reading app has been expanded with new features!

Our goal was to make daily Bible reading a more personal experience and one that is easier to share with others. From now on, you can easily **share** the devotions that are meaningful to you and invite others to become part of the Út-on community.

We have also introduced **Notes** and **Favorites**, so you can save the Bible passages and reflections that especially spoke to you. Thanks to the **search** function, you can return to previous devotions and your notes anytime.

And if the ministry of Út-on is important to you, you can now support the maintenance and further development of the app through your **donation** as well!

Explore the new features, and let's continue the journey together!

You can still listen to the devotions on **Spotify** — not only narrated by Soma Zámbari, but also by members of our ministry team: Lili Légrádi, Olivér Tóth, Tamás Havasi, Lilla Pánczél, Éva Molnár-Kovács, Andrea Kovács, Enikő Varga, Anikó Légrádiné Gál, Krisztina Tarjányi and Anna Bogyó.

Follow Út-on on Instagram and Facebook as well!



BIBLE TIMELINE

Our **newest publication**, **Bible Timeline**, is a practical fold-out guide that presents the key events, books, authors of the Old and New Testaments, as well as the missionary journeys of Apostle Paul across 8 pages for each Testament. Its modern visual design, supported by icons and infographics, makes biblical connections easy to understand for both young people and adults.

Thanks to its postcard size, it fits inside a small Bible, making it practical to use in religious studies, Bible studies, church gatherings or individual Bible reading.

The publication helps readers navigate the big story of the Bible: key events can be explored in chronological order, the historical background of each book becomes easier to understand, and the connections between the Old and New Testaments become clearer.

We recommend this publication to teachers, pastors, church workers and anyone interested in the Bible.



FINAL THOUGHTS

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"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."

(1Chor 3:9)

A lot has happened around us over the past few months, but perhaps one word describes this time the best: **building**.

Connections were built through conferences and meetings. Volunteers were built up through our trainings and camp preparation sessions. Children were built up through reading Vadóc and completing the competition activities. Young people were built up through the devotions in Út-on. Meanwhile, our community of supporters was also being built up, and more and more people are carrying this ministry with us.

Building is often not spectacular. One brick is put in place, another row is added, and for a long time it may seem that very little is changing. Yet this is often how the Kingdom of God grows. In the preparation of a camp volunteer. In the question of a child at camp. In a devotion read in the Út-on app. In the commitment of a new supporter. These are the small but essential building blocks being put into place.

As we approach the summer camps, we are grateful to God for all that He has already built among us and through us. We also await with trust the work He still wants to do. For the most important building is not ours, but His, and we are glad to be His fellow workers in it.

Thank you for building this ministry with us!

The Scripture Union Hungary team

THANKFUL FOR:

- The new features of the ÚT-ON app
- The new Vadóc reading competition
- The trainings during spring
- Starting the Bible Timeline
- The 'We are 500!' campaign, financial support
- God's provision and the camp preparation weekend

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- English camps: volunteers, the unity and ministry of the volunteer teams
- Camp leaders, teams
- For the children hearing the Gospel
- New financial supporters and sources of funding
- God's guidance and direction in our mission



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