

The Beginnings - Public School Outreach

For the past four years, European Initiative has been given the extraordinary opportunity to talk about Christianity in the Hungarian public schools. The Hungarian educators are so determined for their students to learn the English language from native speakers that they are willing to open their classrooms to American and European missionaries. Since establishing our second base of operations in Hungary in 2018, the EI Budapest staff have regularly taught and ministered within the public schools - evangelizing and engaging with students even on a weekly basis inside the classroom. Though we have been given great liberties to teach Christian values, and in many cases share the gospel, our hearts have become increasingly burdened to facilitate opportunities to disciple the students more effectively. Frankly, the needs of the students are so great, we believe it is time to extend our reach beyond the classroom walls.



The Vision - Budapest Ministry Center

The next step is to have a "ministry center" in downtown Budapest which would enable us to reach and disciple students in a way that goes further, deeper and wider than ever before. Our vision is to have a space in the city where we could invite students for all kinds of enrichment classes and activities for the sole purpose of building more meaningful relationships. This will pave the way for the gospel and help them grow into committed disciples of Jesus Christ. Additionally, our Budapest Base is active most weeks of the year doing outreaches in busy city squares and even going door to door sharing the gospel. The ministry center will facilitate the evangelism/discipleship process for Hungarians of all ages. Here is a sampling of possible uses of the downtown Budapest ministry center:

English Clubs

Many Hungarian students have a desire to sharpen their English skills, but rarely have a chance to practice with a native speaker. We have had many students express interest in an after school English program. We have successfully implemented curriculum in the schools that leads to conversations about faith. Having even more freedom in our own space, we will utilize Christian resources, including the Bible, for our English clubs.

Alpha Groups

The Alpha Course is a respected evangelism and discipleship training program that helps lead seekers to a greater understanding of the Christian faith and in many cases, salvation. We want to allow a time and place for the gospel to be the main focus for those who are earnestly seeking answers to the big questions about God, themselves and eternity.

Ballet

El staff member Kayla Sharp, is a former professional ballet dancer who is excited to bring her gift and love of dance to the city of Budapest. She is planning to use the ministry center to teach creative movement and ballet classes to young Hungarian students. Movement and expression require no translation and can break through any language barrier and touch the heart in a profound way. Through dance she has experienced a freedom in worship and closeness to God. It's her desire to build relationships with Hungarian girls through the dance studio and then led them to faith in Christ. The ministry center will be a great place for on-going discipleship with her dance students.



WE ARE ALIVE WITH HOPE FOR WHAT GOD COULD DO THROUGH THIS MINISTRY CENTER.

Please read what Hani Eros, an El Hungarian staff member, has to say about the spiritual poverty she's experienced within the Budapest schools. Read her heartfelt words about why she believes a ministry center would be a powerful tool to advance the gospel in her nation's capital:

"So many students come from broken families and struggle with insecurity. Behind their timidity, there's depression which has been a huge issue in the history of my nation. So many students try to act like nothing's wrong because they don't want to show their vulnerability - but they are just putting a mask on so people can't see what's really inside. I know how they feel, because I also was in that place. Only Jesus is the solution. For the El Budapest Base to be able to share the source of Life - Jesus Himself - in the schools is a true miracle. The ministry center would be a place where we believe students would feel even more free to open up and ask deep questions-outside of the classroom. Ultimately, we want students to open their hearts to Jesus and discover new life, purpose, and identity in Him."

The Cost - Breaking it Down

El Budapest Ministry Center:

- Rent/Mortgage: \$2500 a month x 60 = \$150,000
- Utilities: \$350 a month x 60 = \$21,000

Total for 60 months - 5 years = \$171,000

One Time Cost - Set Up/Renovation/Equipment:

- Renovations: \$12,000
- Furnishings: \$10,000
- Dance Floor/Equipment: \$12,500
- Office/Computer IT Equipment: \$4,800
- Coffee Bar: \$4,000
- Kitchen: \$6,500

Total = \$50,000

Total for 5 years of rent/mortgage and set up = \$221,000

Please note: The costs detailed are for a 5-year lease/purchase. In order to reach our goal of securing, renovating, and moving into a space by the spring of 2022, immediate support for this project is needed.

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