

The Beginnings - Public School Outreach

For the past three years, European Initiative has been given the profound opportunity to freely share in the Hungarian public schools. The Hungarian educators are so hungry for their students to learn the English language from native speakers that they are even willing to fling the doors wide open to American 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 begin renting space for use as 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 be a place of going further in the evangelism/discipleship process for Hungarians of all ages. Here is a list of potential classes that would be offered (please note, this list is not comprehensive and subject to change):

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 event for those who are earnestly seeking and asking questions about what is truth.

English Clubs

Many Hungarian students are eager to learn English, but rarely have a chance to practice with a native speaker. Already, we have had students ask and express interest in an after school English program - the discussion and lessons we create are thoughtfully planned to lead students back to the gospel and fundamental truths of the Christian faith.

Martial Arts

EI staff member Caleb Braun has a passion to see young men's lives transformed by the gospel. Caleb experiences closeness with God from adventure, mountain climbing, archery, and martial arts. He is planning on using the space in the building for teaching self-defense and physical training to help young Hungarian men realize their potential in Christ and to be affirmed in their true manhood -- which is ultimately a heart after God's own heart. Caleb believes a community of Christ-like men can radically change the lives of young men who will in turn become the next generation of Hungarian fathers.

Ballet

El staff member Kayla Green, 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 space in the building 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, El's first Hungarian staff member, has to share about the spiritual poverty she's experienced within the schools and why she believes a ministry center would be a powerful tool to advance the gospel within the student and other demographic groups:

"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 really, 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 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
- Martial Arts Equipment: \$4,200
- Dance Floor/Equipment: \$12,500
- Office/Computer IT Equipment: \$4,800
- Coffee Bar: \$4,000
- Kitchen: \$6,500

Total = \$54,000

Total for 5 years of rent/mortgage and set up = \$225,000

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 2021, immediate support for this project is needed.

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