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2024 TRAVEL DELAYS: causes and consequences

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FRIENDS OF '4H' WILL BE AWARE THAT, IN A NORMAL YEAR, WE WOULD HAVE MADE AT LEAST THREE 'MULTIPURPOSE MISSION' TRIPS TO 'GREATER HUNGARY' BY NOW... SO WHAT HAS HAPPENED, & HOW HAVE WE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY?

- * **FROM 23 FEBRUARY to 5 MARCH** we had planned to make our first 'Field visit' of the year, to Hungary & Romania... but Eric's 'shorter trip' on 13 February, that caused severe damage to his right eye, meant that we had to cancel that 'longer trip' until the eye had stabilised enough for its air and overland travel to be possible.
- * **BETWEEN 17 FEBRUARY & 8 AUGUST** two crucial surgeries, & prolonged, intensive treatment to the eye necessitated that we could not be more than an hour or two away from Bristol Eye Hospital... but by early August – though sight in the eye is still partial – this was enough for us to be told that Eric could, at last, fly again.
- * **FOR 23 SEPTEMBER to 5 OCTOBER** we therefore began to plan to take our first, long-delayed, visit of the year to 'Greater Hungary', & had already agreed some of the most important meetings during that trip, when...
...* **ON 16 AUGUST**, Rosemary underwent an ultrasound scan at Clevedon Hospital, and a '*small femoral hernia*' was diagnosed. She had pre-op tests on 27 August, in the hope that she can have repair surgery as soon as possible. She is now slated for repair surgery on Friday 6 September We are advised that her subsequent activities should be carefully controlled for a further six weeks after that (especially no lifting, etc) – but hopefully will receive her own 'all clear' to travel in mid-to-late October. We are SAD that our own *annus horribilis*' (to borrow a phrase once memorably used by the late Queen Elizabeth II) hasn't ended yet, but GLAD that expert medical attention is readily available to us in this country. One of the most telling, & touching, concerns of Hungarian friends when they heard of Eric's accident was whether we would be able to afford the treatment he would need....

SO, THE 'COVID-STYLE' PRACTICES

enforced on us in 2020, the Covid Pandemic year, have had to be dusted off, & even refined further this year, because neither of the two Field Missions we had planned by now have yet been possible. We pray the new one will be.

"WHERE'S THE GOOD NEWS?" YOU MAY WELL BE ASKING!

And yes, there is some of that, including the fact that:

our 'Covid mode', and ability to work more or less normally in the office enable us to maintain all normal '4H' functions excepting those we do in person in 'Greater Hungary'. (As Eric says, computers have flat screens, so his current inability to see stereoscopically is not an obstacle here). So we are:

- Continuing to support all our pre-existing projects and personnel in Eastern Europe;
- Initiating new projects, and taking on part-support of new Hungarian national workers;
- Continuing to counsel and encourage Hungarian Christian workers, by email & telephone;
 - Pressing forward with several book projects in our office in our home in Clevedon;
- Preparing, publishing & distributing as usual Prayer Letters, & Newsletters such as this one;
- Speaking at meetings in the UK as usual. We are taking bookings now for the winter half of 2024/25, and have new things to show and share if you would like us to come to your Fellowship soon. We are also...
 - ...visiting friends of '4H' whom we can reach by car 'to share about 'the work'.

So, thank you very much indeed for your understanding, patience and prayers! We will look forward very much to being able to meet with you all again soon, as well as returning to Eastern Europe as soon as Rosemary, too, is cleared to fly. In the meantime, we will, of course, keep you posted on 'things' as they develop.

'The plans of the Lord stand firm forever. What He wants to do will last for all time.' (Psalm 33:11)

'4H'/Magyar Misszió is a faith mission. If you'd like to support it, or hear more about it, please contact:

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