

Congregations Seeking Partners

Miskolc, Hungary



An easy 3 hour trip from Budapest, Miskolc (pronounced *meesh-kolch*) is home to Rev. János (*yah-nosh*) Kriza and Rev. Csilla (*chill-a*) Lakatos and their son Kristof. Both János and Csilla are graduates of the Protestant Theological Seminary in Kolozsvár (Cluj) in Transylvania. Both speak English. Csilla is a clinical psychologist and has begun work on her PhD at Semmelweis University in Budapest. She attends classes there once a week.

The congregation of Miskolc brings together people from around the region. Some have to travel 1-2 hours to be present on Sunday. *"In Hungary this is a long distance,"* reports Csilla. The congregation is a small one – with about 60 adults and 18 children. The Lay President is Huba Elekes. They have no church building so they meet in shared space. The photo below was taken at the Christmas service.



"Our congregation is a very small one it is like a Unitarian fellowship. We are looking for a congregation with experience on how to grow up a small community with committed, enthusiastic members. We hope that a partnership will give us new goals and it enrich us with new experiences personally and on the level of community, too."

This is a delightful group of people and will make great partners for some church.

