

# Shout for Life Budapest, Hungary



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## Budapest, Hungary

- Budapest, a city of 1.7 million, is Hungary's capital and center for politics, industry, commerce, and transportation.<sup>1</sup>
- Hungary has the 23<sup>rd</sup> highest abortion rate in the world; an estimated 42% of pregnancies are aborted.<sup>2</sup>
- Prostitution and pornography are legal and generate \$1 billion annually.<sup>3</sup>
- The legal age of sexual consent is 14.<sup>4</sup>

## Dear Friends

The establishment and operation of this association is a miracle. Our work is so much based on the grace of God that a handful of people, like Gideon's army of 300 people—we with 3 (!) volunteer counselors—have been standing at the front lines for a long time, but through personal counseling, lives have changed and been saved from the misery of abortion—not only babies but their mothers as well. I believe the Lord has taught us at these times how to suffer need and seriously devote ourselves. Listening to our prayers, God has started to transform the mindset of a whole nation in a very evident way. Even though the battles are still heavy, and there are barriers coming against us, statistics show that there are less surgical abortions performed on women today in Hungary than 5 or 10 years ago.

Since then, thanks to the Lord, more and more people are interested in the ministry and slowly but surely our team is growing with wonderful counselors, helpers, and supporters. We want to express as well our gratitude to LIFE International for all their support. 2010 will be a crucial year, to somehow raise the extra support we need to keep the center going, our hope is to set up the private gynecologist room to provide us with this support.

## Shout for Life 2009 Accomplishments

- Moved to a new office, where we continue counseling and using the ultrasound machine.
- Had 2 volunteer trainings and 1 PAS weekend seminar.
- Held a benefit concert.
- Hosted a successful international pro-life conference, through this money was raised and people were encouraged to start a crisis center in Deva, Romania.
- We started to praise and seek the Lord daily.

## Shout for Life 2010 Goals

- To set up a private gynecologist room for clients that will also generate income.
- To strengthen our board and find more volunteers.
- To extend our advertising.
- To find a director and to have faith we'll find this person and be able to pay the wages needed.

## Shout for Life 2010 Prayer Requests

- Pray for more clients to find our new place, there seems to be a wall that keeps them from coming. Also that our volunteers will stay motivated.
- Pray for more finances to support wages, extra rent, and advertising efforts.
- Pray for the gynecologist center to be set up—we need a gynecologist, extra volunteers, permissions, and finances to rebuild the gynecologist room.
- Pray for a spirit of encouragement and faith and hope.

## How Can You Partner with LIFE International?

Individuals, churches, centers, and businesses can partner with LIFE through prayer and financial support. Every prayer offered and every gift sown into LIFE helps make possible life-giving ministries like Shout for Life. Will you join with LIFE and help multiply life-giving ministries wherever abortion exists?

Questions? Want more information? Contact us at [info@lifeinternational.com](mailto:info@lifeinternational.com) or (616) 248-3300.



—Ed and Susan Bergs, Founders

<sup>1</sup> Hungarian Central Statistical Office. (January 2009). *Gazetteer of the Republic of Hungary*. Retrieved from <http://portal.ksh.hu/pls/portal/docs/PAGE/KSHPORTAL/ADATOK/HELYSEGNEVTAR/HNK2009.PDF>

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<sup>3</sup> Gorondi, P. (2007). *Hungary Gives Permits to Prostitutes*. The Associated Press. Retrieved from <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/09/24/AR2007092400842.html>

<sup>4</sup> Ages of consent in Europe. Retrieved from [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ages\\_of\\_consent\\_in\\_Europe#Hungary](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ages_of_consent_in_Europe#Hungary)