

Serving with King's Club and Awesome Camp Hungary



2012

If you have any queries please contact Neil Potts at:
37 Lawrence Street, Caerphilly,
Mid Glam, CF83 3AJ
Telephone 029 2086 2864; Email: neil@potts.hu



Camp Dates 2012: 'King's Club' 23rd – 27th July

'Awesome Camp' 29th July – 4th August

Background & Who We Are

Neil Potts from Caerphilly, Great Britain was working with Scripture Union Hungary as a volunteer children's/youth worker. His main tasks were organising and running summer English Bible camps for children. During the winter months he would run after school clubs for the children in the same locations as the summer camps had been. Neil married Edina, a Hungarian in 2004 and they both attended the small Baptist church in a town called Gödöllő.

It was Judit Szabó, one of the members of the church, who had the vision to organize an English language Christian Kid's Camp in Gödöllő. There is a hunger amongst families in Hungary for their children to learn the English language, the aim we had was to provide English learning for the less privileged of the town and at the same time spread the good news that the Bible teaches. So with the backing of the church leadership, the youth group and a bunch of Neil's friends from the UK the first King's Club took place in the summer of 2005.

Since then the camp work has grown to include the follow-on teenager camp called Awesome Camp. Awesome Camp is organised by the Judit's sister, Hilda Szabó. With Judit and Hilda organizing the Hungarian side of the camps, it is the Gödöllő Baptist church that invite Neil & Edina (now living in Caerphilly) to organize the English side of the camps and to bring with them a willing team of English speakers to help out. The camps are now run each summer; they are organized in a very informal way with all leaders volunteering their time and energies for free.

So to summarise: we are just a small group of friends who are Christ loving Christians who have the desire of making God's good news known to the children and young people of Gödöllő and all of Hungary. Neil, Edina, Judit, Hilda and all the others that arrange the camps offer up their time and money to arrange the two camps of King's Club and Awesome camp.

Church and its Mission

*We recognise the Church as the body of Christ held together and growing up in him; both as a total fellowship throughout the world and as the local congregation in which believers gather. We acknowledge the commission of Christ to proclaim the Good News to all people, making them disciples, and teaching them to obey him; and We acknowledge the command of Christ to love our neighbours, resulting in service to the church and society, in seeking reconciliation for all with God and their fellows, in proclaiming liberty from every kind of oppression; and in spreading Christ's justice in an unjust world ...until he comes again.

*The above statement has been adopted from the Scripture Union Mission Statement and was written at the SU International Council at Harare, Zimbabwe in May 1985.

Lifestyle

We believe that the Bible calls us to have a distinctive lifestyle of discipleship. Our ministry requires us to demonstrate this, especially as we are likely to influence others. Such a lifestyle includes regular Bible reading and prayer and active involvement in a local church. It is marked by a selfless attitude to money, possessions, time, work, leisure, social action and relationships. It demonstrates moral standards including an acceptance that the only appropriate place for a sexual relationship is within a marriage between a man and a woman. Whilst we recognise that as fallen people we often fall short of this ideal, we believe that grace and forgiveness are always available to those who repent. We nevertheless expect that all working with us will be committed to work towards achieving such a lifestyle with God's help.

Statement of faith

The basic teachings on both King's Club and Awesome Camp will be the fundamental truths of Christianity, as revealed in the Holy Scripture.

1. We believe that the Lord our God is one, with the distinction of the three persons in that unity being the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. We believe God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are sovereign in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
3. We believe in the divine inspiration of the Bible, the infallible Word of God. It is trustworthy and is the supreme authority in all matters of belief and behaviour.
4. We believe that man was originally created sinless. Tempted by Satan, man fell and thereby brought the whole race under the condemnation of eternal separation from God.
5. The universal result of the fall is that humankind is sinful and guilty. Such sinfulness of all is subject to the just wrath and condemnation of God.
6. We believe that the substitutionary death of the incarnate Son of God, Jesus Christ, is the only way sinful human beings can be redeemed from the guilt and power of sin and its eternal consequences, which is obtained by faith alone.
7. We believe in Jesus, God's incarnate Son: His virgin birth; His sinless life; the authenticity of His miracles; His death on the cross; His bodily resurrection from death; and His present reign over heaven and earth.
8. Those who believe in Christ are pardoned all their sins and accepted in God's sight only because of the righteousness of Christ credited to them; this justification is God's act of undeserved mercy, received solely by trust in him and not by their own efforts.
9. We believe in the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit. We believe He alone makes the work of Christ effective to individual sinners. Giving them life and enabling them to turn to God from their sin and to trust in Jesus Christ. By living in all those He has sanctified, He empowers and comforts all believers, increasingly making them more Christ-like in character.
10. We believe in the baptism of believers, and the regular observance of the Lord's Supper, in obedience to the Lord's command.
11. We believe that the Church is the body of Jesus Christ composed of all true believers.
12. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ will return in person to execute God's just condemnation on those who have not repented and to receive the redeemed to eternal glory and establish His glorious Kingdom.

Our Child Protection Policy Statement

We believe that all human beings are of equal worth in the sight of God and aim to follow Biblical principles in all that we do.

- We are committed to the nurture, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.
- The overall welfare of the children and young people is the responsibility of the Hungarian leaders but it is the responsibility of each one of us to protect children and young people from physical, sexual and emotional abuse, and to report any abuse suspected or discovered.
- In order to achieve this we will provide some safety guidelines to follow while working on both camps plus we provide appropriate supervision via mutual accountability.

Your Stay in Hungary during King's Club Week

We will take all reasonable efforts to ensure that your needs and well-being during your stay in Hungary are met. During your visit while serving with King's Club you will be the very welcomed guests of the Baptist church in Gödöllő. They will provide you with accommodation at the homes of church members where you will have the warmest of Hungarian welcomes; all meals will be provided for you. All your meals and necessary transport will be provided, for example the journey from and to the airport. We do ask that during the mission trip you would be respectful to the culture of Hungary and last but not least that you enjoy yourself!

Brief Outline of King's Club

King's Club aims to promote the Christian message of the Bible via the English language. This is done through informal and fun English lessons, Bible storytelling, memory verse sharing, singing and general fun and games. All activities that are held in the English language will be translated into Hungarian by a Hungarian helper. The English holiday club is aimed at 6 – 12 year olds with the church aiming to attract children who would not normally be able to afford to attend such a language camp. It runs from 9.00 am until 4.00pm Monday to Friday, with parents being invited meeting on the Friday.

When you volunteer to help out with King's Club all we simply ask from you is that you have a heart for God. We want you to have a calling from Him to do King's Club, so that we become co-workers, together as a team for that week. We make sure we all give what we can and shape King's Club towards the things we as a team are good at and our gifts. So it doesn't matter if you don't feel you can do all things, just do what you feel you are good at. Anything you give is great as the main attraction on the camp will be the English speaking team, so just be willing to let the love of Jesus Christ shine out of you and the camp will be a great success for all.

Your Stay in Hungary during Awesome Camp's week

We will take all reasonable efforts to ensure that your needs and well-being during your stay in Hungary are met. During your visit while serving with Awesome Camp you will be the very welcomed guests of the Baptist church of Gödöllő and the Bible Centre in Dömös. The accommodation will be at the Bible Centre in Dömös with the centre also providing your meals. All your necessary transport needs will be provided for, for example the journey from and to the airport. We do ask that during the mission trip you would be respectful to the culture of Hungary and last of all that you enjoy yourself 😊

Brief Outline of Awesome Camp

Awesome camp is the follow on camp from King's Club. It is a residential camp and is aimed at 13-18 year olds. Just like King's club it aims to promote the Christian message of the Bible via the English language. This is done through informal and fun English lessons, Bible teaching, singing, fun and games and generally spending time together as a community for a week. It officially starts at 4.00 pm on the Sunday afternoon and runs until 2.00pm the following Saturday. Most of the helpers arrive the Saturday evening before the start of camp to allow for preparation before the campers arrive the following day.

When you volunteer to help out with Awesome camp all we simply ask from you is that you have a heart for God. We want you to have a calling from Him to work with teenagers. We will form an international team for one week to serve and minister to the teenagers. We make sure we all give what we can and shape Awesome Camp towards the things we as a team are good at and our gifts. So it doesn't matter if you don't feel you can do all things, just do what you feel you are good at. Anything you give is great as the main attraction on the camp will be the English speaking team, so just be willing to let the love of Jesus Christ shine through you and the camp will be a great success for all.