

Hungary, EUROPE

Short background: Owe have a long commitment of supporting mission work focused on reaching the Roma people (formerly known as gypsies) and helping them create their own Roma Christian Church.

First Church involvement: Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship (PFF) outreach to the Roma people. The Roma people are now an urgent priority of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Roma are most populous in Romania (thus the name Roma), Hungary, Ukraine, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Bulgaria. Since they were darker in skin color than most Europeans they were thought to come from Egypt (thus the derogatory name gypsy) but actually they represent a migration of the Dalit people of India (the untouchables) around 1200 AD. They have been separated and marginalized throughout their history. PC (USA) through PFF has decided to make the Roma an urgent priority, so the Good News of Jesus can reach them. PC (USA) partners in this effort are our churches in Korea and Europe. First Church helps provide direct support of the evangelists, Jozsef and Klara Czouka, part of the Reformed Church of Hungary. It is felt that instituting a Roma Christian Church will be the best way to bring the Word of God to the Roma. We have supported Lisa Lumpp for three years of missionary work with the Roma in Romania, she is now in seminary.

Service opportunities: work trips yearly

Map & Pictures:



Typical living conditions, geese & ducks provided by PC(USA) & the first Roma church in Hosszupalyi.



Links to Presbyterian Church (USA): <http://www.pcusa.org/worldwide/hungary/>
World Factbook on Hungary: <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/hu.html>