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Heart for the homeless

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Pastor Shin Seong hak wears his faith on his sleeve. The Budapest Times spoke to the Korean missionary about his church's outreach efforts toward homeless people after the church handed out warm clothing to the destitute at Nyugati pályaudvar.



Pastor Shin Seong hak of the Grace Methodist Church hands out food to the homeless at Nyugati pályaudvar earlier this month.

How long has your church been handing out clothes to the homeless?

I have been here in Hungary for over 11 years. As soon as I came to Hungary, that very week, I started to do homeless ministry. This was because I felt that the homeless people looked miserable and therefore I wanted to share the gospel with them.

God touched my heart towards poor people and those who are in need.

Do you and your church do other types of outreach?

Yes, I also run a Hungarian church and two other churches for Roma. We built a Roma Centre in Kurtospuszta.

Have you seen a change in Hungary's level of poverty over the years?

I am so sorry to have to say that I have not experienced nor seen a change for the better in the level of poverty during my ministry in Hungary. I pray a lot for this nation whether for its economy, politics or socially that it would change in the Christian worldview. But as you know, I am a pastor. What pastors want is that the people will open their eyes to the Holiness of our Saviour, because if they open their eyes, society will be better off with people helping each other, etc.

How much did you give away at your outreach here on Tuesday?

We gave away 130 sets of winter coats, pairs of gloves and socks. Although it is not that much, I hope that the homeless may find hope and live their lives in Jesus Christ.



On Tuesday he and his workers gave out 130 sets of warm clothes.