

Karácsonyfalva Dairy Farm Project

The Model Dairy Farm has cows now, and is beginning to operate as planned. Each month brings more calves as the pregnant heifers give birth. The model farm is a cooperative effort which will provide services and income to twelve villages in the Homoród Valley. After forty years of totalitarian rule, this project is a shining lamp of hope in what is still an unknown future for Transylvania.

Twenty-five heifers have been purchased, and eight calves born. Fifteen more cows and some machinery are still needed. Please help!



Women and Development: New Ground For PHH

Economic development experts agree that one sure method to securing the health of a nation is to secure the well-being of its women. Providing for women's financial, educational and physical health strengthens society as a whole. Project Harvest Hope, in recognizing this fact, has begun a program with our partners in the Homoród Valley, which we hope will contribute significantly to the lives of village women.

Harvest Hope pro Homoród, our local partner, is examining ways to include women in their economic development projects in this valley. Appointed to lead this program is Kinga-Réka Székely, minister in Homoródszentpéter and a board member of Harvest Hope pro Homoród. As one of the first women ministers in Transylvania, Kinga understands the need for this work in society, as well as the difficulties.

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Statement of Purpose

Project Harvest Hope

promotes sustainable economic development, primarily agriculture, in Transylvania (Romaina), working cooperatively with the Harvest Hope pro Homorod Foundation

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History

Project Harvest Hope began with a dream of democracy and stable local economies to preserve Unitarian villages in Transylvania. The project grew out of a Partner Church relationship between First Unitarian Church of Oakland, CA and their Partner in Oklánd, Transylvania. It soon grew to include relationships with other Partners. As the work grew, it became clear that more people needed to be involved.

The project became a part of the Tides Foundation in San Francisco, and later incorporated as an independent non-profit. This enabled it to become an Independent Affiliate Member of the UUA.

During this time a similar organizational development took place in Transylvania. A non-profit foundation, Harvest Hope pro Homorod, was established. Its governing board's president, Levente Kelemen, is the Minister in Oklánd.

During these years, since 1995, a flour mill and bakery were established in Okland, and are now operating. In the last three years, a model dairy has been created in Karácsonyfalva.

In 2002, the Board of PHH, recognizing that it had gotten some experience which could be useful to others, extended its mission to helping all Partnerships in Transylvania who are interested in economic development.

Recently, PHH has sponsored an email list to share experiences and problems related to economic development in Transylvania.

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development email list,
econ-dev@uua.org, go to

[www.uua.org/mailman
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