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Residency Permit Procedures for members of the Hungarian Evangelical Missions Coalition (MEMSZ)

Dear MEMSZ Member,

I am happy to report that we have made significant progress related to obtaining Residence Permits for missionaries whose agencies are members of the Hungarian Evangelical Alliance (MEA). This does not mean that we have a special or streamlined process. Instead, we have been told that the authorities will show us good will, be less restrictive with requirements, and show trust in our documentations. While we have not received concrete promises or guarantees, we have already experienced favor with the authorities and been reassured that they want to improve their relationship with Alliance members. This courtesy is currently only available to U.S. and Canadian citizens. Those from other nationalities must continue to use normal procedures. **PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR OTHER NATIONALITIES!**

Here are the current procedures you need to follow when seeking to obtain residence permits for Americans or Canadians in your ministry:

1. Download and fill in the "Sample Guarantee Form" with all relevant information. (**Please have someone check the Hungarian grammar after you fill in the blanks and please delete the instructions and tips.**)
2. Please arrange for Terry Lingenhoel (terry@h.om.org +36-20-886-1122) or Horvath Istvan (Horvath@h.om.org +36-20-886-1121) to sign it. Please allow for at least one-week turn-around.
3. Please send an email to (memsz@h.om.org) at the Alliance office informing us when the residence permit was obtained and for how long. Also please inform us of any problems you may have experienced during the process so we can communicate these to the authorities when possible.

We rejoice that we can serve you in this way.

If you need more clarification or if you have questions, please let me know.

Serving with you on behalf of the MEMSZ working group,

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All forms can be found at: <http://aliansz.arteries.hu/archivum>

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