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INTERNATIONAL

PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING FROM TIME OF FAST  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2003/2004

**03-05 EUROPE - Hungary: YMCA Centre S3v3r**

*Location:* Balatony3r3k on Lake Balaton, about 100 km southwest of Budapest.

*Background:* During the Communist regime, the Hungarian YMCA like other non-governmental agencies (NGOs) was prohibited and lost all its property throughout the country. In 2000 the parliament recognized the problem and asked NGOs to make bids for replacement buildings. In September 2001 the YMCA was given a 400 sq. m. (4,000 sq.ft.) house on 2,336 sq. m. (a half acre) of land that reputedly had belonged to the Lord Mayor of Budapest before 1945. There is also an addition with dining hall and 4 bedrooms, and an adjacent building with 3 rooms and a bathroom. These were probably built about 1980. There is no furniture; the walls show water damage from the leaking roof; and the sanitary conditions are deplorable. The YMCA began last year to repair and enlarge the buildings and restore running water and electricity using its own resources including manual labour of its members. A local company has donated Windows and doors. The gas line to the property will be expensive to replace, so for the time being all heating is done with stoves.

*Project:* Restore the buildings and convert the large one to a conference centre for 40 people (more could be accommodated in tents). Initially only summer and autumn programs will be run. Once the heating is restored the facilities can be used all year. The small building will be used for an office and official quarters. Programs will include leadership-training camps.

<i>Budget:</i>	Internal repairs	US\$ 43,702
	Gas heating and cooking	33,723
	Roof work	23,814
	Additions to building	17,820
	Doors and windows	14,634
	Furniture and fitting	13,500
	Water pipes	12,366
	Electrical repairs	<u>5,184</u>
	<b>TOTAL COSTS:</b>	<b>164,743</b>

They requested US\$30,000 over three years from "Time of Fast." Much of the remainder is coming from a large number of sources including YMCAs (especially in Germany) and Hungarian churches.

**Approved by ICM 04 for 2004/05: US\$ 10,000 (second of three years: total request US\$ 30,000)**

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Group of volunteers ...



... working outdoors ...



... and working indoors.



Dining room starts to take shape ...



... and so does the kitchen ...



... but much more work is needed.