



Pray

for the
Bayash Roma

Croatia
Hungary
Serbia



GYPSIES?

You've probably heard the term "Gypsies" and even used the word "gypped" (meaning "cheated"). The word has been used to describe a people who should more accurately be called "Roma". "Rom" is their word for "man" so they refer to themselves as "people" (plural "Roma") and the languages they speak as "Romani".



They trace their roots back to northern India, where they were forced out around 1000 A.D. by the Muslim invasion and in time ended up as slaves in Romania from 1300-1800. After being freed from slavery, many of them migrated west to other parts of Europe. They now number about 12 million.



During World War II, Hitler tried to eradicate them as a race, deeming them unfit to live, along with the Jews and the handicapped. Between 0.5 and 1.5 million were killed, often in concentration camps.



Today, the Roma have no country of their own and wherever they live they are still looked down upon as

uneducated, dirty and dishonest. Most are illiterate and many are very poor. They see themselves as a cursed people, rejected by man and God.



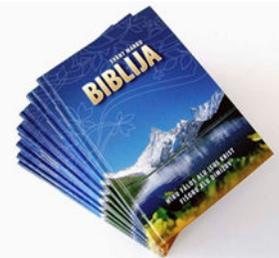
GOD'S WORD

The needs among the Roma are overwhelming: most have only an elementary school education; unemployment is the norm; alcoholism, incest and witchcraft are part of their lives. To see lives changed and these horrid trends reversed the Roma need to be transformed by the Word of God.



OUR PART

There is a **tremendous need for Bible translation** among many of the Romani dialects. One of those is the dialect of the Bayash Roma. We are excited that the Gospel of Mark has been translated and a draft of the rest of the New Testament is in preparation. **We are moving to Budapest, Hungary, to help translate the Bible for the Bayash and other Roma in Hungary, Croatia and Serbia. We invite you to join us in this exciting adventure!**





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YEAR-END UPDATE & CURRENT NEED

We will be moving to Budapest, Hungary, in June (just 6 months away!) to do Bible translation among the Roma (Gypsies) of Hungary, Croatia and Serbia. As faith missionaries, we are not paid for our work, but are dependent on God to provide through individuals, small groups and churches who donate to Pioneers.



To move and begin ministry in Hungary, we need one-time gifts from donors for the following:

- Airfare from US to Hungary: **provided! \$5,700**
- Shipping belongings to Budapest: \$5,500
- Purchase of vehicle: \$7,700
- First year visas: **provided! \$1,630**
- Deposit on house rental: \$2,200
- Furniture, appliances, household goods for setting up house & office equipment: \$9,700
- Language learning for two years (classes, tutors, books & fees): \$15,000

Gifts of any amount are very much appreciated and will help us toward this goal. You may donate by check, credit card or bank transfer to Pioneers. Please use the contact information above, or go to www.pioneers.org/give or use the enclosed response form and designate the gift for account #110250 D (which is our one-time Departure fund).

THANK YOU

Thank you for being a part of this important ministry to the unreached of Eastern Europe!



One-time gifts for our move to Hungary, set-up costs & 2 years of language study

