

I Can Draw My Dreams...Anikó Köves

I learned at a very young age to make good contacts with people and that ministry is holistic. My father was a pastor and every 10 years we moved to another village and church. My parents were good models of how to love and to serve people with empathy and concrete social help. My mother organized the women's ministry and was the head of the Sunday school teachers who led over 100 children. My father sought out pastors in other churches and also had good contact with people from other religions.

I became a physiotherapist in order to serve people by healing them. My husband Gabor and I yearned to demonstrate biblical unity in our marriage. After seven years we adopted our son and then a daughter. Before we were free to travel and serve everywhere, but we missed having a family. Now we had a family but we couldn't travel so often. I had to learn to solve problems on my own during Gabor's travels. Again my parents helped and were good models of how three generations can help each other. We lived in the U.S. for a year, which was a great chance to learn English. I had studied German but we had many English guests and Gabor wasn't always around.

Our involvement with Entrust (BEE International) began in the early 1980s. Colleagues lived in our home and traveled from there to Romania and Bulgaria and throughout Hungary. At the beginning my brother was translating books into Hungarian and when he became ill Gabor took over. The courses on family, marriage, Christian life, discipleship, Bible study and preaching changed our lives. We joined the staff just after the fall of communism, in the early 1990s. We worked together until Gabor became ill in 2003. He was diagnosed with cancer in 2005 and died in October of that year. I've been mentoring women in my local church since 1986 and helping churches to begin their own women's ministries throughout Hungary and Romania.

The Hungarian church must take greater responsibility to help the next generations. Church leaders need to learn about mentoring and what multiplication means. I have a map of Hungary in my journal. I can draw my dreams, but I can't fulfill them alone. It is essential for the right people to come alongside to teach and provide materials, good patterns and loving community. Pray for God to call them. Pray for them to respond. Pray for Entrust.



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for leadership
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difficulties are
only platforms
for the
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of His grace,
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love.*

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