



Photos of Visit to our
Unitarian Partner Church
in
Sinfalva, Romania
(Transylvania)

Summer 1994



Picking up the car from Marian



Katica attempts a conversion to convertible



Automotive Hungary, old and new



There's a motor in here somewher....



Check your gas, Mister?



This is the way we check the gas, check the gas, check the gas. This is the way we check the gas, so early in the mawnin'



Voilà, ze gas tank, she is full.



Last minute tire check. Yup, still there.



Funny.... my hands are clean and my feet are greasy.



Auto mechanics is thirsty work.



Gabriella Metusan (in white shirt), our host in Nagyvarad (Oradea), first night in Romania



View of Nagyvarad (Oradea) from Gabriella's apartment



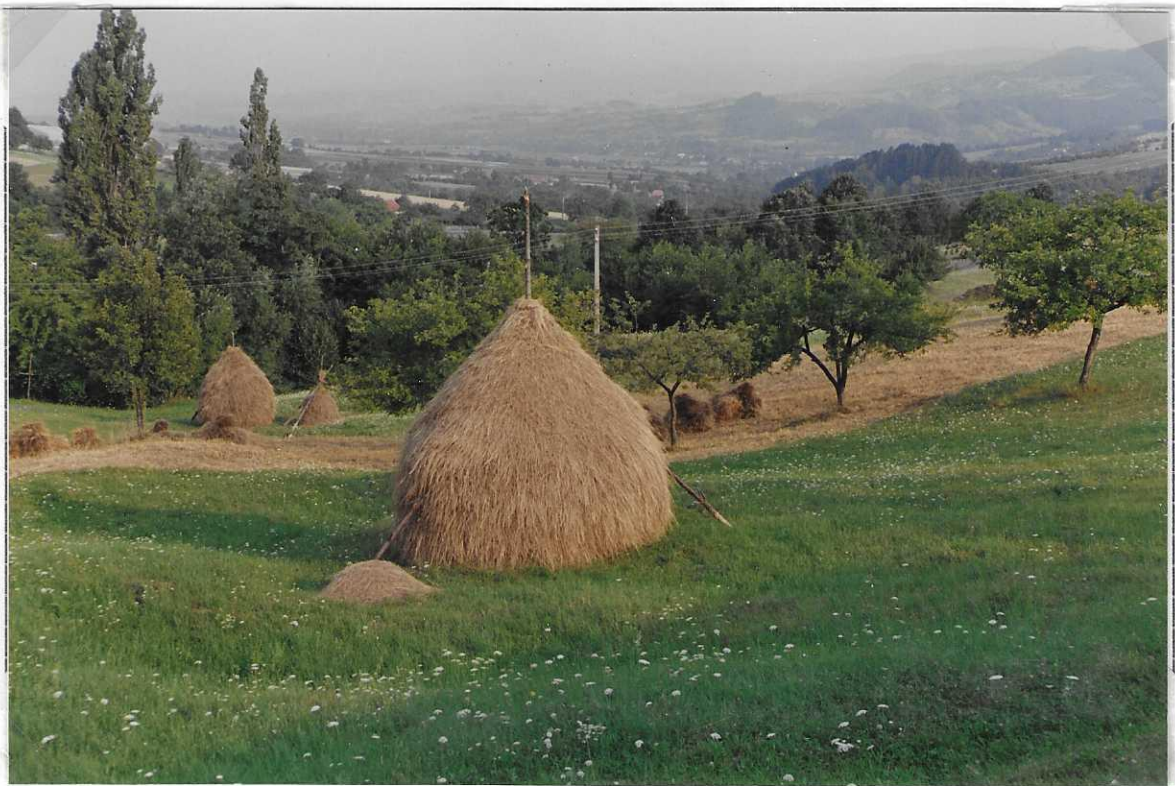
Nagyvarad (Oradea)



Closeup of balcony railing



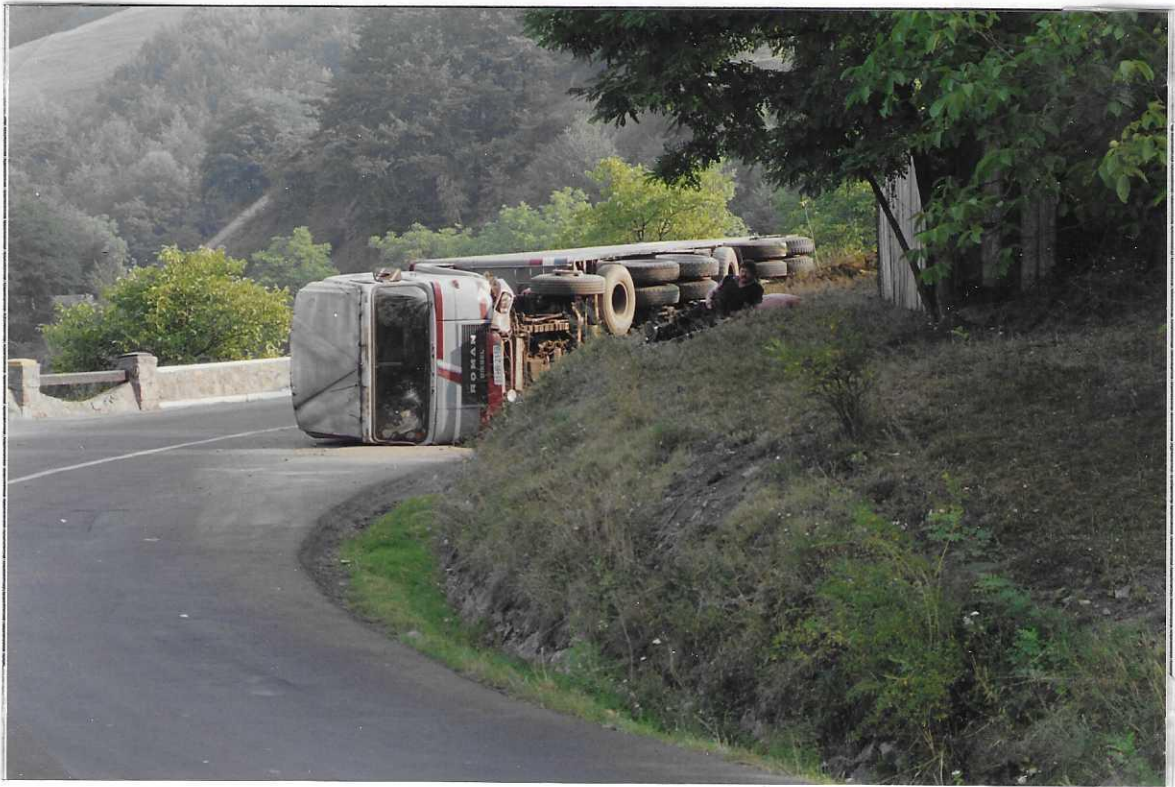
Heading into the Carpathian mountains (30 km east of Nagyvarad (Oradea))



Haystack - Note central pole. Hay was hand-scythed.



Cross on the roadside (traffic fatality?)



This guy walked away



This scarecrow looks like a Gahan Wilson cartoon.



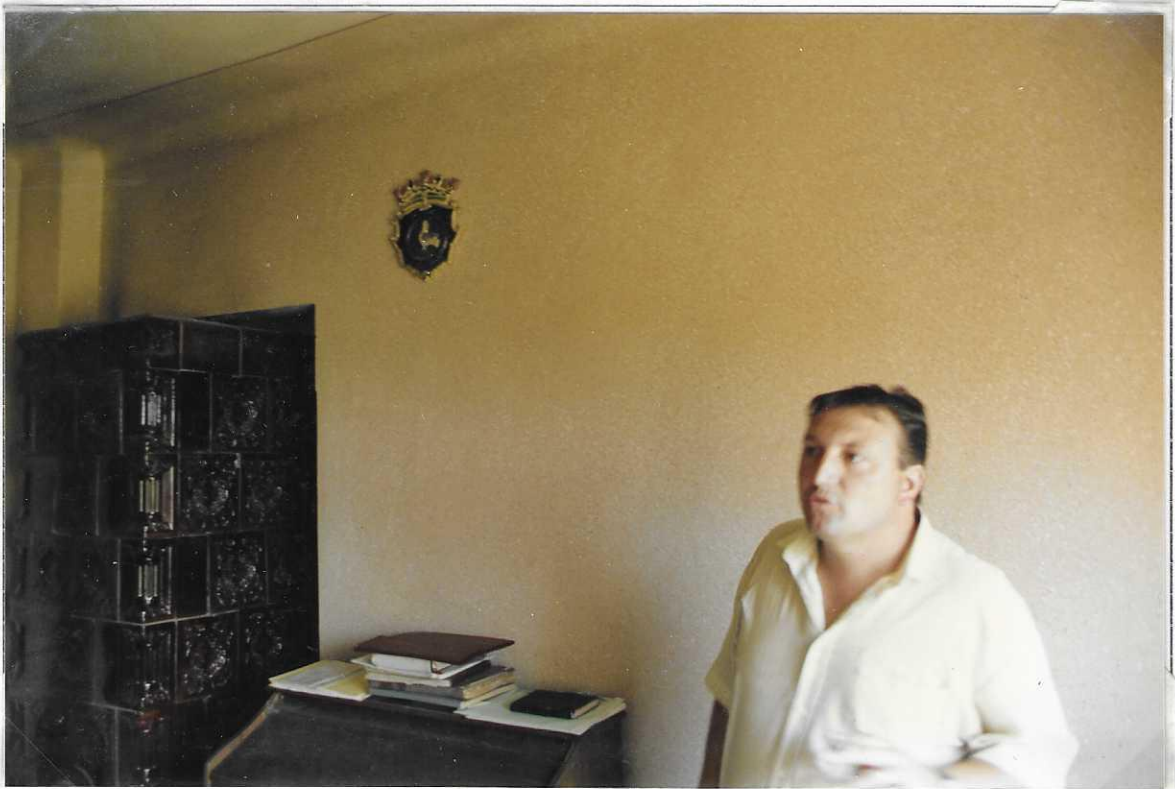
First roadsign for Torda (Turda), in Kolosvar (Cluj)



First roadsign for Sinfalva (Cornesti)



Entering Sinfalva (Cornesti)



Denes in his study. Note Unitarian crest, ceramic furnace heats two rooms



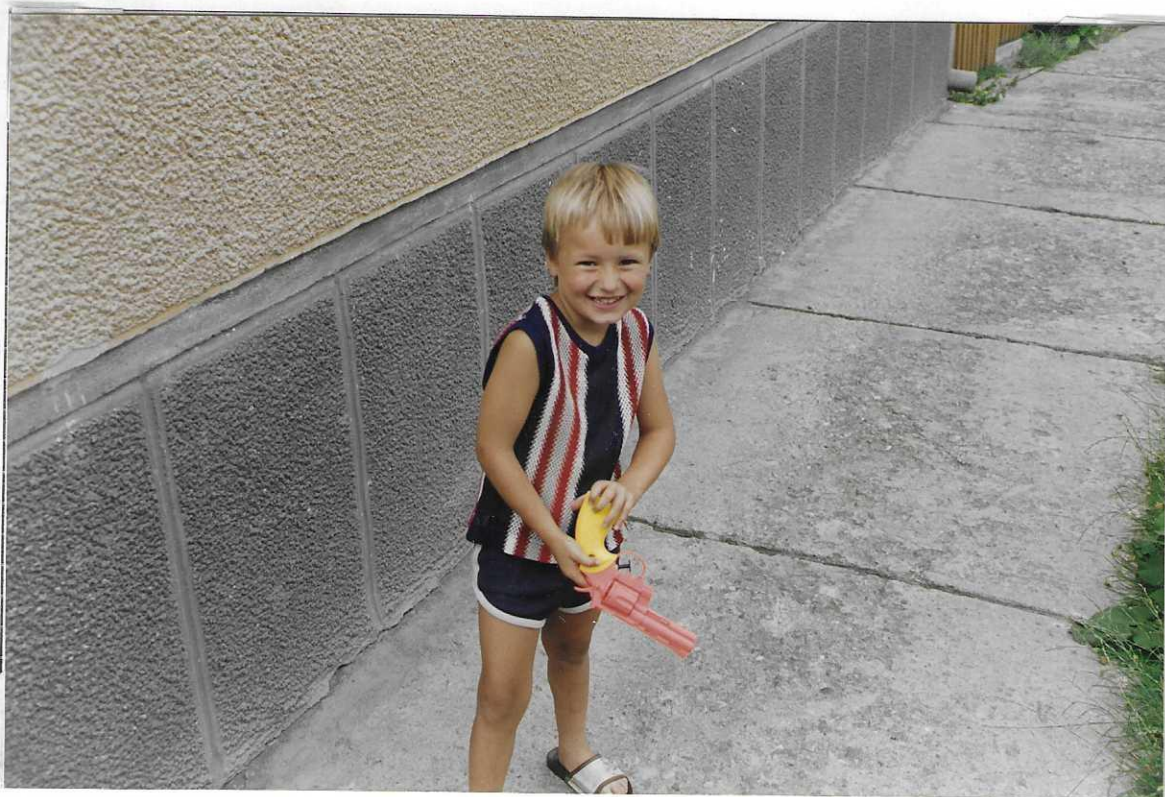
Closeup of Unitarian crest. Note dove, snake with tail in its mouth



Main entrance to Dénes' house



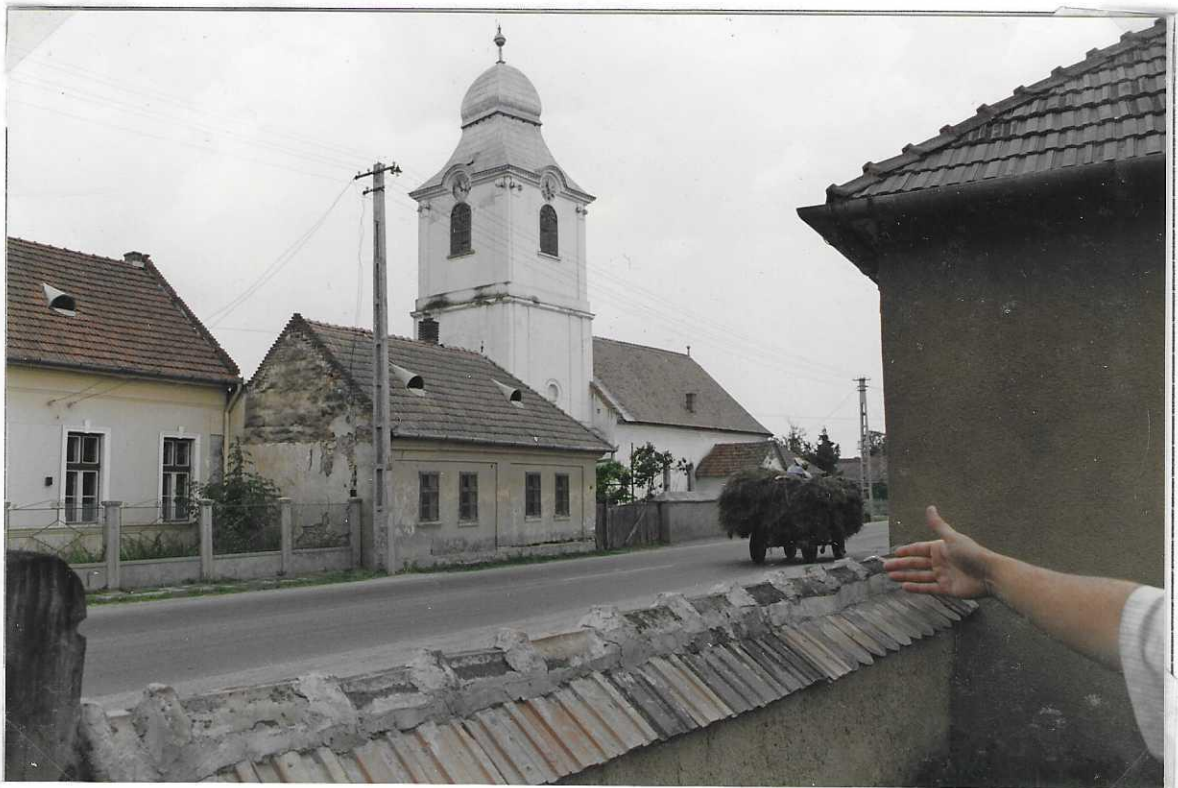
The view from Dénes' porch showing meeting room,
church steeple, chicken coop



Csongor (age 4) and water pistol, gift of MUF



Zoltan (age 9) squirts a chicken with water pistol (gift of MUF)



Dénes shows off the church and a horse drawn hay wagon



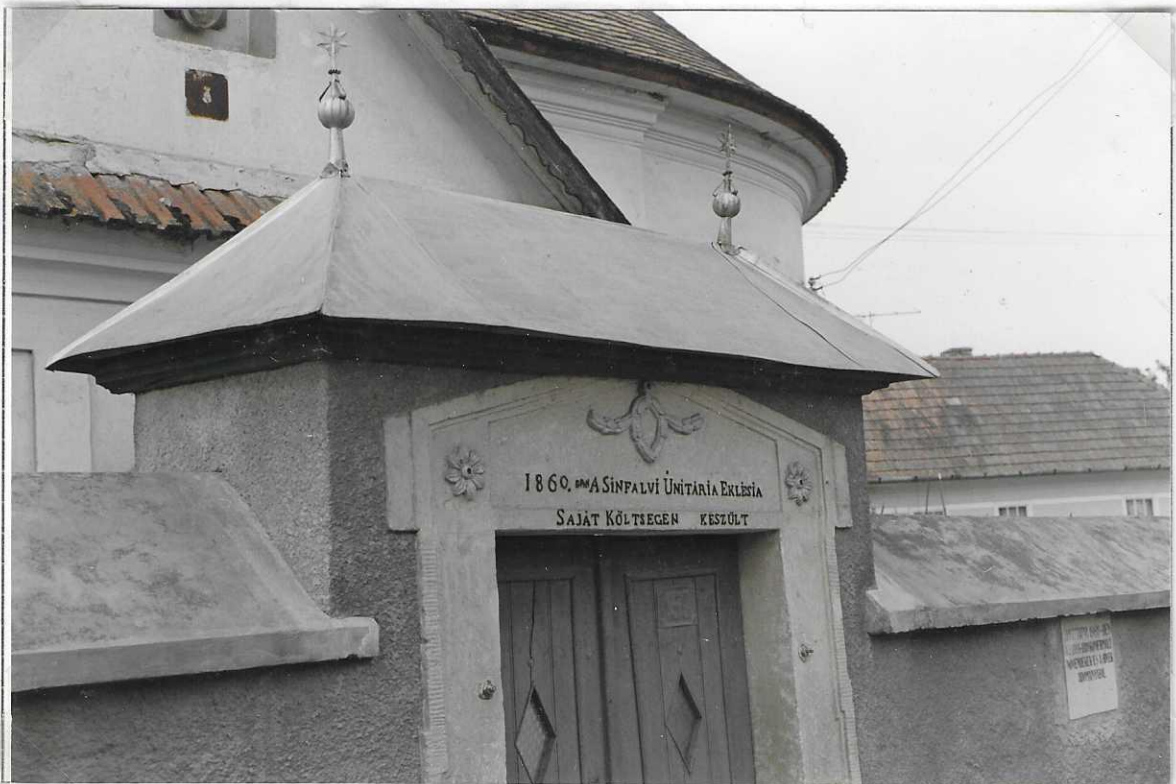
The schoolhouse, appropriated and expanded by Romanian government (note seam)



Dénes and my sister Ági



The church caretaker, András Kolozsi



Gate in church wall. "Built in 1860 at the church's own expense"



Sign on church wall "Repaired in 1989 with a donation from the faithful and the 1989 confirmation class"



View of the church from the rear



Looking up at the steeple.



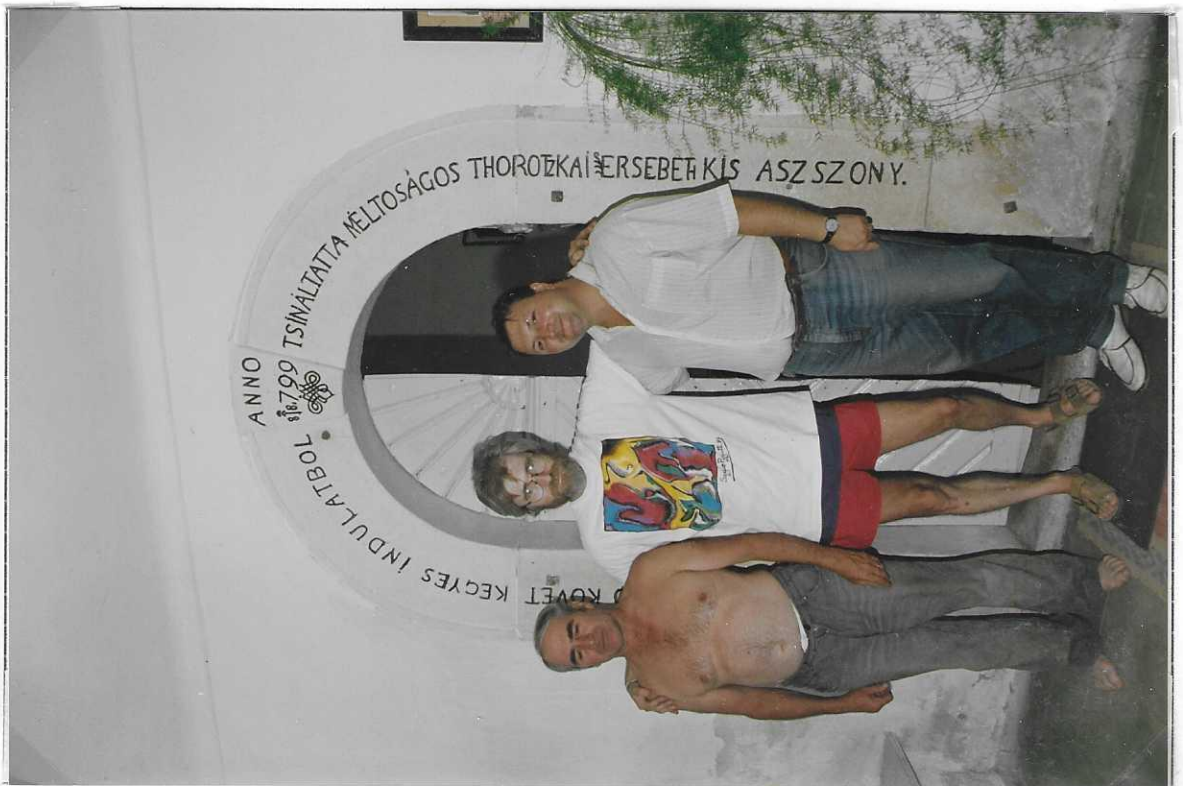
The choirmaster's house, unoccupied. They would like to repair and rent it out.



Church yard with grave of Balint Kun, church official and minister.



Front door of church, "This door's (key)stone graciously donated by Lady Ersebeth Thorotzkai in 1799"



András, Dénes and Gábor.



Church interior showing newly repaired organ, carved wooden chandelier, and hymns for next service.



Dénes plays the organ.



Closeup of carved wooden chandelier.



Wheat sheaves wreath



Dénes in the pulpit.



Decorative vases at foot of pulpit



Carved wooden bible holder



The recalcitrant clock



Their bell



View east from steeple (toward Szentmihály and Torda)



View west from steeple, toward Várfalva. Unitarian church is visible.



Another Unitarian church



The family (Dénes, Ildiko, Csongor, Zoltán)



A tree struck by lightning



Csongor and Zoltán squabble over camcorder



Guess who wins?



Dénes' car (Dacia) and dog (Rex)



The Unitarian church in Várfalva



The house in Várfalva where Dénes grew up



The Unitarian church in Várfalva



Unitarian church in Várfalva, “In honor of the one true God”



Latin inscription dated 1613, second recorded usage of the word “Unitarian”



Dénes and onions on the way to market in Torda



The Unitarian church in Szentmihaly (where Ildiko grew up)



Zoltan still enjoying the water pistol



Saying goodbye



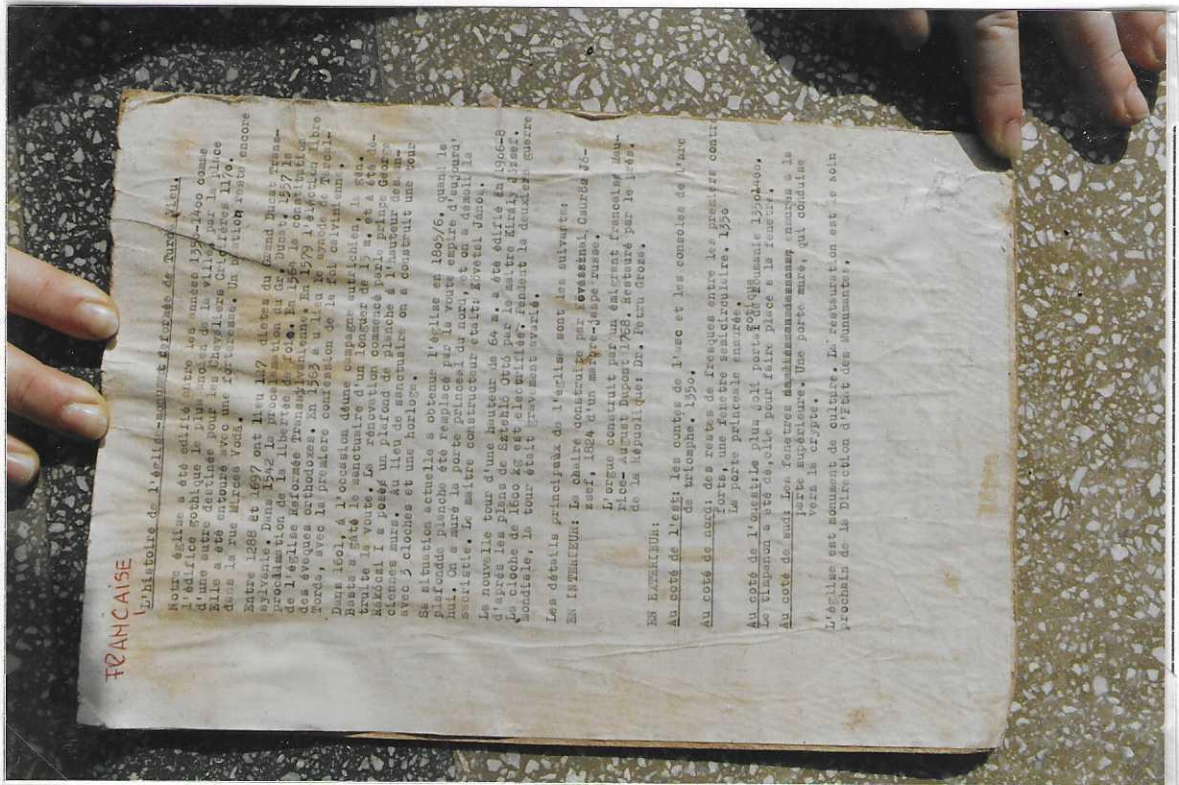
Unitarian church in Torda



Minister's house? (no one was home)



Steeple of the Reformed church in Torda. Was this at one time the Unitarian church?



History of the church in French, refers to "la proclamation de la liberté de foie" (proclamation of religious freedom) in 1557.



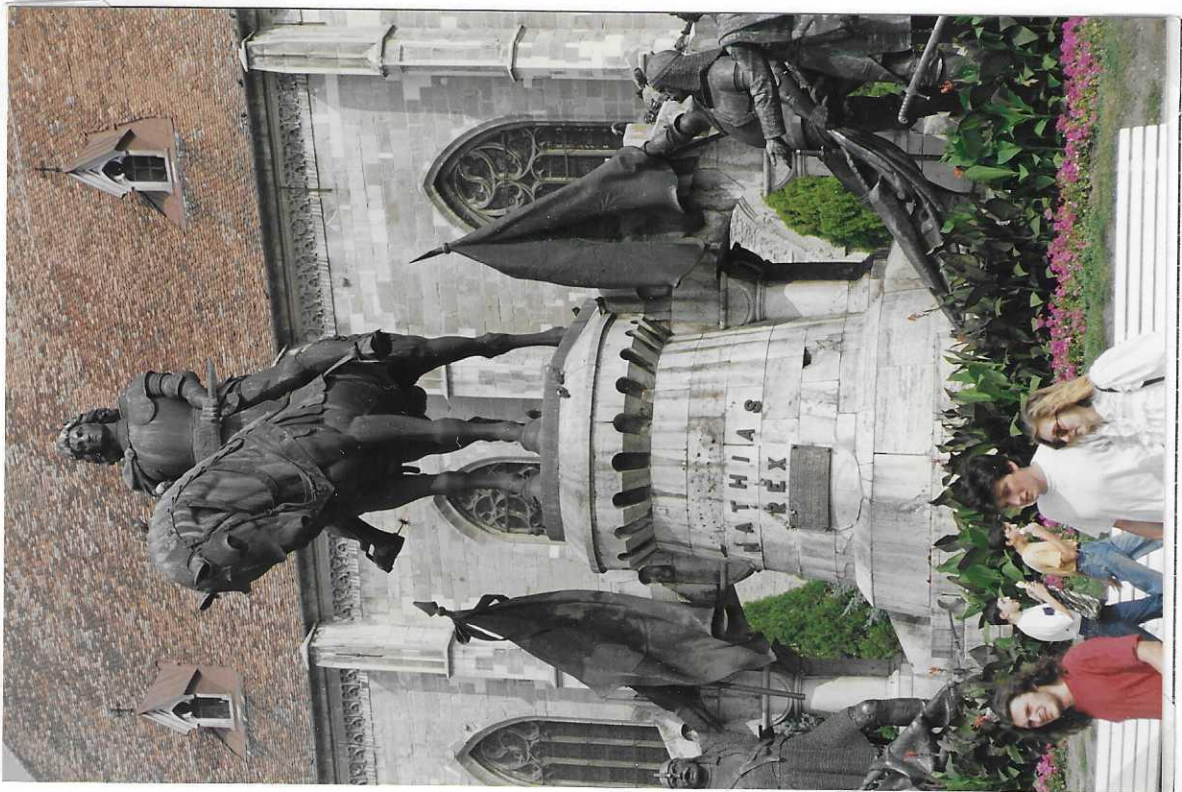
The door of the Reformed church of Torda



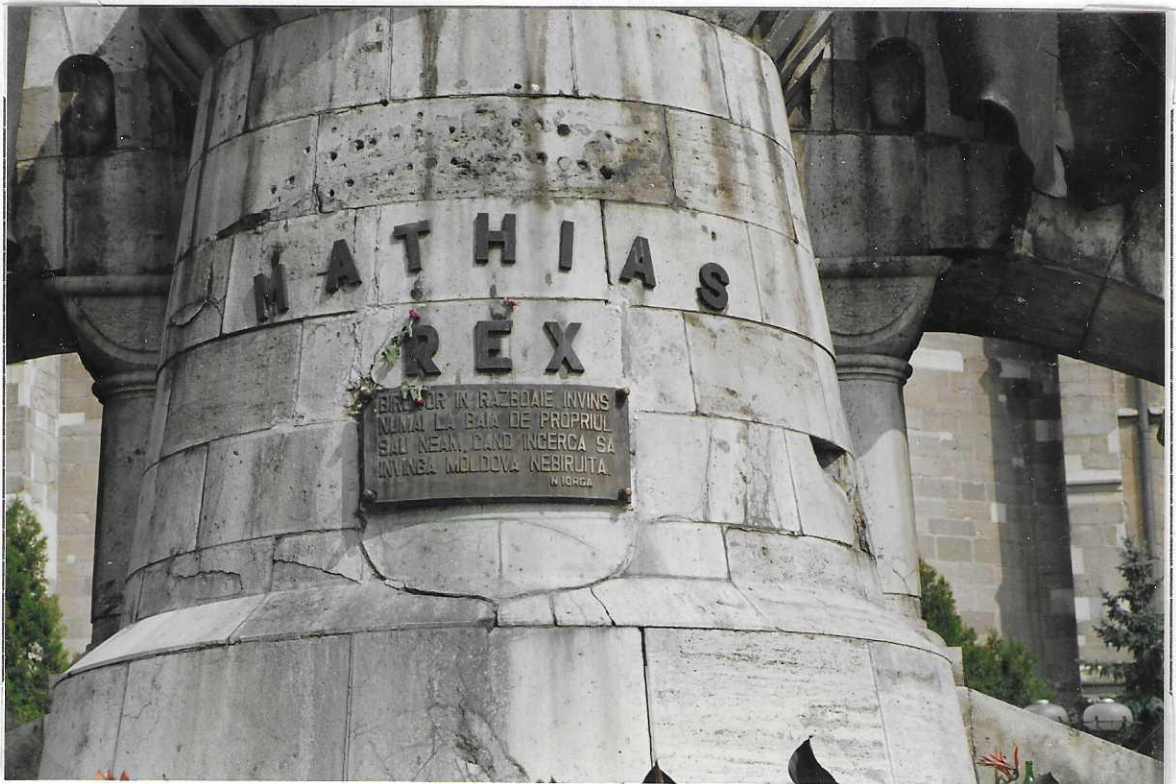
Plaque on wall: "The Lord always helps us. Church built 1350-1400; 1600, 1805, 1975 exterior repairs; 1681, 1983-1985 interior repairs"



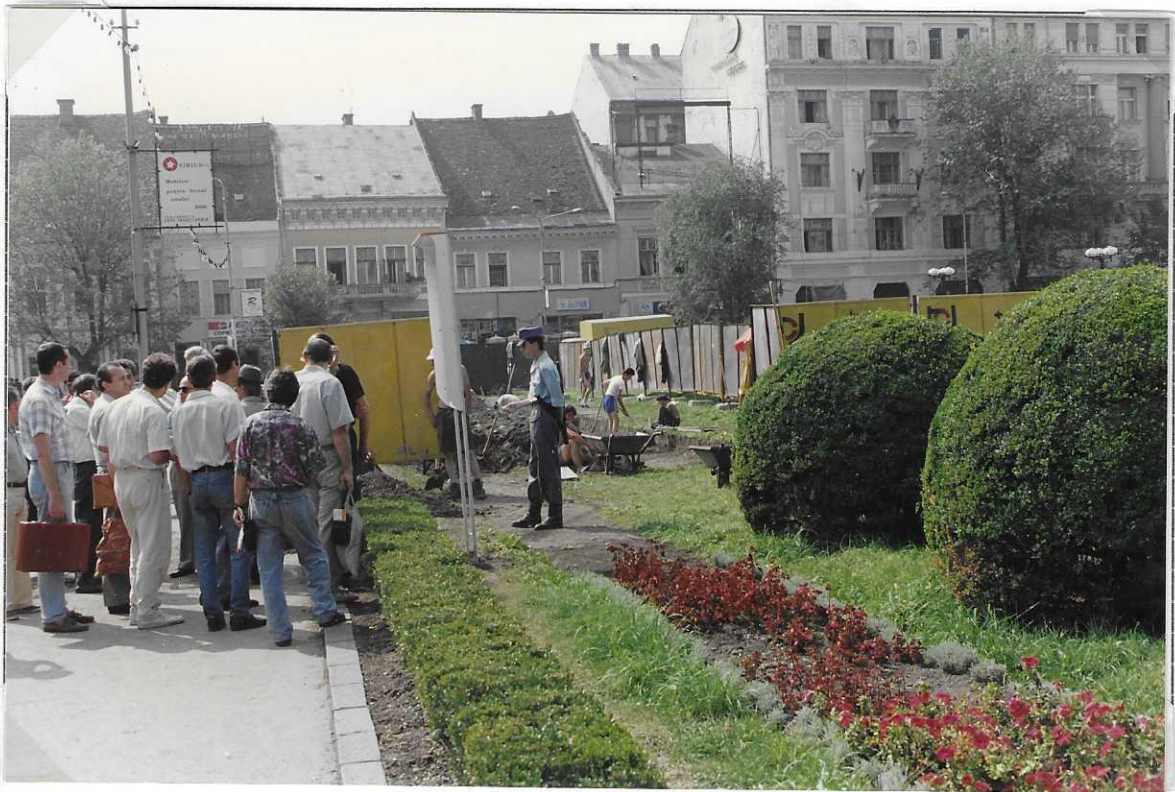
Church in Kolozsvár, King Matyás statue,
archeological digs which threaten statue



King Matyás statue



Pedestal of statue. Hungarian plaque has been replaced by Romanian plaque.



The archeological digs don't look too serious. The statue will be there for awhile.



One of Matyás' soldiers, closeup



The state of Romania's communications infrastructure