

# OUR HISTORY

## **Theological Roots**

Our teaching is based on the central message of the Bible: the redeeming work of God through the cross of Jesus Christ. Believing in this marvelous salvation the Christian gets forgiveness of sins, new, eternal life and justification as the free gift of God. This message has got new emphasis during church history several times by great men of God like Augustine, Martin Luther, John Wesley, Hudson Taylor, Watchman Nee and several others. Our vision of Bible is similar to some contemporary teachers like Charles Swindoll, Max Lucado, David Needham, Juan Carlos Ortiz and Neil Anderson. Nevertheless, we try to follow the teaching of the gospel rather than other teachers.

## **Counseling Roots**

Our concept of man is based on the biblical truth that he was created by God in His own image. Believing the lie of Satan that he can find more life through independence and rebellion man has lost his relationship with God, became spiritually dead. This death is manifested in the basic problems of life: hatred, fear, meaninglessness, loneliness, etc... Jesus Christ died for us that we can get LIFE, His life dwelling in the believer. Having been saved and revived now every Christian has a possibility to live out of this new LIFE, that can give us healing, wisdom and genuine holiness. Problems in the life of Christians arise from the fact that they still rely on their former, human, fleshly resources. The counseling concept based on these truths was primarily worked out by Dr. Charles Solomon. His followers founded the offices now belonging to the Association of Exchanged Life Ministries.

## **Grace Ministries Budapest**

Thomas Grady was a counselee of Mr. Solomon, and having been recovered from a serious life problem became his associate staff. In 1981 he formed Grace Ministries International office in Atlanta, with growing staff, and a vision to reproduce offices in other cities. In 1994 Tom and Ray Alton came to Budapest to open a new center, the first one in Europe. Under the leading of Robert Clogg, director since 1996 this office has trained local staff and associates, and worked in 10 countries in Central–Eastern Europe including Hungary. Now missionaries from overseas have left and the work is done entirely by local Christians.