

**Coleman Family Newsletter – April 2009**  
**Free Methodist Missionaries to Europe since 1996**  
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Do you recognize anyone in these old faded photos?  
It's a picture of the circuit-riding pastor  
**Rev. Slade Freer** and his family at Camp Meeting in  
the Oklahoma Territories. Jerry's Grandmother  
Baldwin is one of the cute, but somber-faced, little  
girls in the wagon! The pioneer spirit, the Call to the  
open road for the Kingdom of God is in Jerry's blood!  
**Literally!**



We can't say that ministry was easier in the days captured by this historical photo above. Their somber faces don't look very happy or joyful – no “cheese-y” smiles here! Or was that the way of taking pictures then? The rather dapper man with straw hat and bow-tie is a study in opposites next to the “anti-necktie” long-coated Great-grandpa Freer. His commitment to “plain dress” and Great-grandma Marilla's conspicuous absence of “gold, flowers and feathers” make a statement of a desire to be neat, but not worldly.

**What did Slade Freer need for ministry?** A preaching suit, fodder for his horse, food for his family, pocket money or a kind-hearted blacksmith's help for a broken wagon wheel. His livelihood was dependent on the generous tithes, offerings and gifts of those he served.

These days we “smile” for the camera, travel with the power of a few more horses and Jerry wears neckties from time to time. But like Slade Freer's family our livelihood still depends on generosity and support from people committed to partnership in mission. **Faith ministry!**

So where do things stand with the Coleman Missionary Support Account (MSA) and the Hungary County Share Account (CSA)? Thanks for asking!

**Frankly, it's kind of bleak.** End of 2009 March results show that:

Coleman MSA commitments are at 43% and we are almost \$9,000 in the red

Hungary CSA commitment is at 36% and almost \$4,000 in the red

But we are encouraged by the Lord's faithfulness yesterday and His promises for tomorrow!

Rev. Slade Freer's Free Methodist Elder's ordination certificate hangs beside Jerry's on the wall of the Budapest Ministry Center. These pictures are framed and hanging there also as a reminder and affirmation **God's faithfulness through the generations.**



How thankful we were to learn that **we finished 2008 in the black! All Europe ministries (CSA) and missionaries (MSA) were funded 100%! We celebrate your extraordinary generosity!**

Would you to consider making a commitment to our 2009 MSA – which supports things like salary, housing, retirement, insurance, working funds and transportation? Or maybe you feel prompted to support the work of the church and leaders in the 2009 Hungary CSA.

**How can you support us?**

1. You can write us at the email address above to let us know.
2. You can call Free Methodist World Missions (800) 342-5531.
3. You can visit the Missions Connect website and make a donation or commitment. [www.fmwm.org/give/](http://www.fmwm.org/give/)

**Thanks for reading this! We value your support and interest! -Jerry and Jan Coleman**