

Hello friends and supporters!

We will try to summarize the last few weeks into this update letter!

Ian continues to be involved in the preaching ministry of the Hungarian Baptist Churches (HBC). He is also working diligently at trying to fill the accounting/bookkeeping role. Just last week, Ian was gone for the week as he led a team from the USA that came to Romania to forge and explore a potential partnership relationship with one of the churches here.

Karen has led a few special music numbers and congregational singing times. This is of course complicated by differing languages and song tempos but she is eager to keep learning. There are many Hungarian worship songs that we do not know but Karen endeavors to sing along, working at learning the sounds and even starting to recognize some of the more frequently sung songs. Laundry, dishes and cooking are also constant activities in Karen's life. Adjusting to not having a drier and using small appliances has been an adventure.

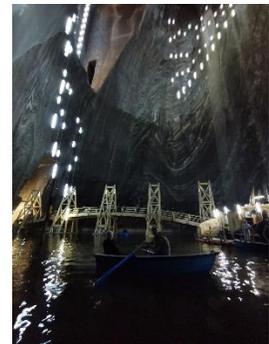


We continue to work with our translator to run a weekly youth ministry group called 'Most Klub'. Most Klub is the highlight of our weeks. We are enjoying having fun together and building relationships. It seems like the relationships are starting to form. It's a nice group of youth that are so full of potential. We have noticed increasing engagement during times of Bible study and worship together. Like most youth we have met in the church here, their Bible knowledge is vast and we are endeavoring to tie that knowledge to their hearts. We have specifically been studying characteristics of God. Just yesterday Ian shared about God's sovereignty while we sat around a fire pit we made in our yard.

Last Saturday we met with the older youth group and watched the *Voice of the Martyrs* movie "Sabina". It was interesting to watch this movie in Romania, with Romanians... and we even recognized a word or 2! They had not heard of this hero of the Faith but some quick google searches revealed a lot of rich history. We have just started a Bible study on the book of Romans and are anticipating a few weekends of youth retreats and a winter Camp in January.

We lead regular NAB Team Staff meetings and try to touch base with each member of the team on a regular basis. Semi-regularly we also head out to Camp Falcon Rock to do odd jobs or even just to check in with the staff. Ian was recently out at the house project involved in moving a sea can close to the house. This is another step closer to the Bergman's being able to move into their home. Recently, while Ian was away, Nathan spent a day out at the camp planting trees with the crew.

As a family, we have also visited a Salt Mine that has been turned into an interesting family fun experience. There was bowling, ping pong, a ferris wheel, boating in the bottom, an echo room and more. We didn't do all the things but the boating and ferris wheel and all the stairs made it a great day!





Our daughter Kendra is enjoying all the puppy cuddles from her new dog, dog time with the big dogs and puppy training. She continues to do well at school and brings a lot of laughs to our family. We are thankful for the way she can stay in contact with her Canadian friends through the internet. Communication and people are valuable to her and it is good that she can maintain friendships, even though she is far away physically. Thank you to everyone who reaches out to her!

Nathan has taken on some leadership role with the Youth Ministry group. Recently, through translation, he led all the games for the youth event. He works diligently every week on his grade 11 courses and is very much looking forward to Christmas Break. He has a specific ministry to one of the young boys that is a part of that youth group. The young man is often at our house hanging out with Nathan or is playing games with him online.

Ian and Nathan had opportunity to go hunting here in Romania. Nathan was too young to hunt here; however, Ian was able to legally harvest 2 deer which are now prepared and in our freezer. We are in the process of purchasing a whole pork from someone in the church and are looking forward to making sausage with some of the meat. The butchering and sausage making plans bring back a lot of memories of positive times in Canada. It is also somewhat interesting to the people here that we do that.



We have exciting news about our rental house. We have an accepted offer and are hopeful that by next week the sale will be final. Thank you for your prayer support in this matter. There has been a lot of people that have invested time and energy into this project and even since we have left for Romania and we are grateful and humbled in it all.



We have been in the process of getting a longer VISA to be able to stay in Romania. Please pray for continued progress in this area.

Thank you for your prayers over the past 2 months!

Please continue to pray for us as we serve here. God brought us here to fill a role for this year and we are curious what He will do through us. Pray that we would accomplish His goals for us this year, to His glory. Please pray as well for clear direction as to our future serving Him.

Blessings!

The Smiths (Ian, Karen, Nathan and Kendra)