

It has been another full week of training and meetings!

We have heard the term 'fire hose' with regards to all the information we have had to take in. We have been thankful for this intensive time of learning and have really enjoyed getting to know Paul and Tanya. They will be headed to Canada on Wednesday and will be missed by everyone here that knows them. Please pray for Paul and Tanya as they transition to being back in Canada for 8 months and for us as we learn to survive without them.

Early in the week we drove through the mountains to a city where a seminary was. We met with a number of Pastors that form the Executive Board for the Hungarian Baptist Convention. They asked us questions and greeted us and then we went for a meal together. Several pastors took Ian's phone number so they can contact him if they have needs in their churches.



We also spent a few days on a retreat with the rest of the Romania team. It was a perfect opportunity to get to know each other, even though they were full days. We had rich times of worship and prayer together, as well as meetings to get to know each other and ensure everyone is on the same page. While the adults were in meetings, our families got to spend time getting to know each other in a casual environment. They all enjoyed the opportunity to swim in the pool.

We also had our second youth group in our home. The youth took us on a tour of the village and pointed out their homes and homes of their extended family members. We munched on grapes, apples and walnuts all gleaned as we walked around and encountered other village residents. Kendra shared her testimony when we returned to our home and one of the youth translated for her. Speaking through a translator was a first for her... but she did really well.



Nathan went to a Hungarian worship concert with the older youth and College age group. One of the young adults translated the devotional though for him. They had a few adventures on the way home and I am thankful for this experience for him.

Today we went to 2 villages to be a part of the morning worship time. Ian and I shared a testimony at each service and then Ian also was vocal support as I led/shared a few songs. Of course, I sung in



English, but welcomed people to join in Hungarian if they knew the song. It was rich to hear the congregation at the first church join in their language as we worshiped together. The second church is a small, faithful church of 4... 4 women that love the Lord and long for their families to understand God's great love for them. Of all the churches we have been to so far, this small group has touched my heart the most. They spoke of love and it seemed to radiate out of them. Please pray for their families and the growth of this church.

Tomorrow we head out near the camp to try and help prepare a home for one of the missionaries to move into. The rest of the team is currently living in the city, however, the plan is for them to move to a property closer to the camp. This is a prayer item as there are still many things that need to happen before they can move... and winter is nearing.



Please also pray for Ian as we get into the swing of things here. He is preparing to lead a team from North America at the end of October. He is also now going to be 'doing the books'... In Canada we have been blessed to have fantastic people doing this for our ministries and so there is a learning curve for him. He is also likely to be preaching 2 or 3 times a Sunday, amongst other things. We are excited for what is to come but the excitement is mixed with a dose of uncertainty! We are thankful that we serve a great big God who knows all the details.

Thanks for praying for us! We appreciate your support. It has indeed been a season of life where we have seen God's hand in the details and we are celebrating his goodness!

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