



June Update

Greetings from Hungary! It's time for another update on our progress.

Health and Wellness: There have been some accidents happening when Len has been out of the house. For example, in May, Christopher and Joseph decided to pull all their dresser drawers out into the "out" position. This caused the entire dresser to tip forward and crash onto Christopher's bed. The items on top of the dresser like the CD player slid off onto the bed. One of the dresser drawers was chipped, but neither of the boys was hurt. They were both standing beside the dresser instead of in front of it. It really shook up the boys, but thank the Lord they were protected from harm. In mid-June, while Len was out training leaders, Joseph tripped and fell on his face on our concrete terrace, getting a bloody, fat lip. Other than that, he seems to be fine, thank the Lord. Please pray for protection of the children.



Christopher, Faith, Charity, Hope, and Joseph (L to R)



Christopher in his new eyeglasses

Christopher saw the ophthalmologist again in May, and she said that he is far-sighted. She said his eyes cross sometimes when he looks at us, because his eye muscles are working so hard to focus. She states that he needs eyeglasses, and needs to wear them all the time. On the one hand, we are thankful that the cause of his eye crossing has been discovered, and that it can be corrected with glasses. But it is also disappointing that he will need to wear these all the time, and possibly for the rest of his life.

During the second week of June, we prayed and home-treated Faith for heat rash on her arms, legs, and feet, and saw the Lord heal her very quickly. At the same time, we also saw Joseph experience an unusual, unexplainable skin outbreak on his face, around his nose and mouth. We concluded that his case,

unlike Faith's, was not heat rash at all, but seemed to be viral. Again we prayed and trusted the Lord to heal him as it continued to spread for a couple of days onto more of his face. Just as Joseph's skin outbreak was almost completely cleared up, he suddenly and unexpectedly began vomiting. It seemed to be viral and related to the earlier skin outbreak. So we prayed and the Lord healed him.

Meanwhile, in the midst of all this, Len's lower back began hurting severely. The muscles were at times in spasm due to some kind of pull or strain that must have happened, though we are not sure when. This required some bed rest and prayer to heal up, but it was healed within one day. Praise the Lord that Len's back is completely better now!

All of this came at a time when the Lord is simultaneously expanding us on three different fronts. We realize this comes with the territory, and we are not complaining. We do, however, thank you for your prayers, which are so important!

Family: In May, Jennifer found a 2,000 Forint bill in front of our home in the street. That's equivalent to a little more than ten dollars! Praise the Lord for his supernatural provision.

In May, we also celebrated Christopher's sixth birthday twice. The family celebrated it initially on his birthday, while Len was in the States, and then again later, after Len returned home. He was thrilled to have two parties, two cakes, and receive gifts twice. During this time, the children continued to develop their new friendships in the neighborhood. This included the girls going to a slumber party down the street, which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Joseph looks on as Christopher finishes blowing out his six candles



Sándor (pastor), Marika (his wife), daughter Dora (translator), and son Máté (R to L)

Ministry: As we mentioned, the Lord is expanding us into new territory on various fronts. We visited Hungarian Free Christian Fellowship in Érd (pronounced "aired"), one of the churches belonging to the same denomination as our home church in Budapest. Sándor ("SHUN'-dor"), the pastor, was very kind and gracious. He invited Len at the beginning of the meeting to come and introduce

himself and the rest of the family, and say a few words to the congregation. As he spoke, he encouraged them from Psalm 117 about Jesus being the Lord of all the nations.

He was so excited when he heard that Len trains leaders how to be more effective at making disciples who multiply, developing leaders who multiply, and starting healthy, new churches that multiply. He said he wanted to get together with us and spend time getting to know us, so we can see what the possibilities are for Len to train him. He said they are a church that is very open to outside help and they are on the move, seeking to reach their community, as well as the world, for Christ.

We visited his church again the following week, and Sándor invited Len to share anything he had in his heart from the Lord with the church, which he did, although it was not in his plans to do so that day. They felt that what the Lord spoke through Len's message was a key part of what He is doing right now in the church there. Sándor said the Holy Spirit bore witness in his heart about us as a family, and he felt that we brought freshness into the church. The following day, Sándor and his daughter, Dora, came over our home for fellowship. We spent the afternoon getting to know each other, encouraging one another, and had a time of prayer together. There was love and unity in the Spirit between us. It was wonderful! At the end of our visit, Sándor said he definitely wants to connect with Len for training, along with the other elder in the church. But he feels that there is more for Len to do in the church than training the leaders. So in time, we will see what the Lord has in store. They were also amazed at our huge back yard, so we invited them to bring the whole church for a barbeque sometime this summer, and they accepted our invitation.

Following that, Sándor invited Len to begin training him and three elders. So Len has begun that training, initially with Sándor and one of the elders, a very precious brother in Christ, named Dezső (DE'-zher). The other two elders will be trained later this year. The training is off to a great start. Len, Sándor, and Dezső are very encouraged by the powerful way the Lord is using this time. However, Sándor told Len that he feels the Lord has more for him to do than train the leaders at this church. He asked Len to also prayerfully consider teaching the Body of Christ there on a regular basis, in order to lay the foundation of Christ in the church, something that has never really happened during these first six years of this church's existence. As we have been praying about it, we are very excited at the opportunities being given to us. Praise the Lord for connecting us together with them and what He has begun to do already.

Len continues to meet with Greg for discipleship, and that is going well.

We were invited to visit with a pastor in Slovakia, named Miro, whom Len was acquainted with from Bible school back in the US. Miro is from Slovakia, and pastors a church in the town of Nitra. We traveled there as a family and spent an afternoon with them, building relationship together. Then we stayed overnight

and returned the next day. It was lovely. And what made it even more special is that it was the first time that Jennifer and the children have been outside of Hungary since we arrived here three years ago.

We recently met a Baptist youth pastor in Budapest, named András, who is very interested in receiving training in discipleship from Len. His heart is to see the youth equipped to make disciples. This appears to be another new door opening for us, for which we are thankful to the Lord. He is one of the people Len needs to follow up with now that he has returned to Hungary.

Len has continued to relate to some businessmen in Budapest who are not disciples yet. The Lord continued to give him opportunities to have some excellent conversations with them. Their names are Ferenc, Dávid and Tamás. Please pray that the Lord would draw them to Christ, and reveal Himself to them. Meanwhile the Lord has connected Len with a doctor, named Barnabas, who would like to begin meeting with Len for leadership and “business English” language training. He does not yet know the Lord, so please pray for him, as well.

As we said, we are excited about all these ways the Lord is expanding us on various fronts into new territory. We know it is in answer to your prayers for us, for which we are very thankful. In addition to all of this, the Lord has also greatly expanded our online presence and the reach of our online teachings into many more nations, including ones that are considered “closed countries.” Praise the Lord for the great things He has done and continues to do! He is amazing! And please pray that the Lord would touch the hearts of the people who are reading these teachings, speaking to them clearly through His Word.

We had mentioned in the April and May editions of this newsletter that a Bulgarian pastor named Valentin, whom Len has trained, had wrecked his car in a bad accident and needed the Lord to provide a new vehicle. We are very pleased to testify of another answer to prayer. Valentin informed us in mid-June that the Lord provided another car, two months ago, and it has been a great blessing to him and his family. Praise the Lord! Thank you for praying!

Administrative Needs: You may recall from our last newsletter that Len received a letter of summons to jury duty while in the States. As we mentioned, Len filed a written request to the judge, asking to be excused. We’re very pleased to report that the judge has granted his request and excused Len from duty.

In closing, we have much to praise God for, and many opportunities for you to join us in prayer.

Praise the Lord with us for the many answers to prayer:

1. For our overall health and wellness.
2. For healing Len from back problems.
3. For healing Joseph and Faith.
4. For protecting Christopher and Joseph from danger when their dresser fell.
5. For blessing us with money on the ground in front of our home.
6. For the doors He is opening for us with Sándor and the church in Érd.
7. For the doors He is opening for us with the Baptist pastor and the Hungarian doctor.
8. For opportunities He has given us to build relationship with Miro, the Slovakian pastor.
9. For the exemption from jury duty that the judge has granted Len.
10. For the new car the Lord has blessed Valentin with.

Next steps and prayer needs:

1. For blessings upon our trip to Slovakia to build relationship with Miro and his wife.
2. For healing for Christopher's eyes as he wears his new glasses.
3. For the Lord to anoint Len and lay the foundation in the Érd church, as he trains Sándor and Dezső there.
4. For the Lord to touch the hearts of the people who are reading Len's online teachings, encourage them, draw them to Christ, and speak to them clearly.
5. For Vilmos, David, Jonatan, and Greg to grow in the walk that they each have with the Lord and for them to continue to multiply.
6. For the Lord to reveal Himself to Ferenc, Dávid and Tamás, the businessmen Len has been relating with.
7. For divine appointments wherever we go. Pray that the Lord would help us make key connections with people all along the way, develop relationships and be a blessing.
8. For our financial blessing. That the Lord would continue to raise up partners to help us with special gifts and monthly partners, so that we will be able to focus on the ministry in Eastern Europe and accomplish all that He has put in our hearts to do.

Thank you so much for your partnership in this ministry.

Love from all of us,

The Lacroixs

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