



March Update

Greetings from Hungary! We're delighted to give you another update on what the Lord is doing here in Eastern Europe.

Family: In February, the children went on a field trip with their home school co-op to the Budapest Planetarium, where they saw the constellations and planets projected onto a domed ceiling. They all found it fun, educational, and interesting.



Len celebrating another birthday



Erzsebet ("Elizabeth") with Jennifer and Len

In March, we celebrated Len's birthday, and the Lord spared Joseph from serious injury when he fell down some concrete steps. We are thankful he did not break his nose or front teeth, because his face struck the steps right under his nose. A fall like that could have caused a fractured skull, other broken bones, or even stitches, but the Lord protected him from all of those things. And the facial wounds he sustained under his nose are rapidly healing. Thank the Lord!

Ministry: We've made a decision to return to the States on furlough (temporary leave of absence) from our service on the field, if the Lord is willing. Many missionaries here go home on furlough annually, and most at least do so every two years. But this will be the first time Jennifer and the children have been back to the States since we came to Eastern Europe nearly five years ago. We are looking forward to seeing many of you in person, spending time with you, and ministering in the churches.

Our current estimated date of departure from the field is June 5, and we do not know how long the Lord will have us there, whether 6, 9, or 12 months. But without going into details, there are a number of reasons why we need to sell our

property here, including household goods and vehicle. We'll also need to buy a minivan in the States to travel around the country in.

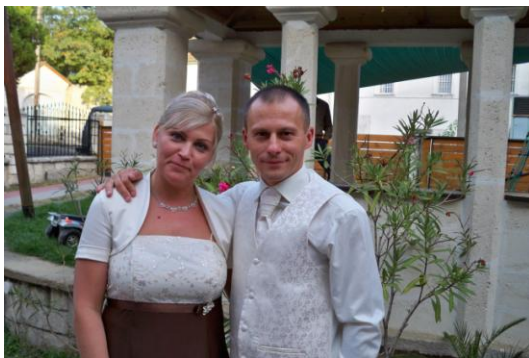
Please pray that the Lord will help us find a new owner for everything that needs to go, which is most of our stuff, or that someone would rent our landlord's home during that time along with our van and furniture, so we would not have to sell it all. And pray that He will help us with all the preparatory tasks that we need to accomplish in the next 75 days.

Since our last update, Elizabeth spent a lot of time in the hospital, receiving chemotherapy treatment. While this was very difficult for her, she is holding onto her faith in Christ for her complete healing, and says "little miracles are happening every day." She was testifying to her roommate about Christ, praying, and reading her Bible each day. And she says the pain has decreased.

Meanwhile, Gábor decided to take his doctor's advice and go for surgery on his kidney. While he was in the hospital, which just happened to be the same hospital Elizabeth was at, he went over to read the Bible to her and pray with her the evening before his surgery. Praise the Lord for the way that Gábor has been discipling her and caring for her! Please pray for total healing for both of them.

Elizabeth was released from the hospital in March, following her most recent round of chemotherapy treatments. The doctor told her before she was discharged that her tumors are slowly shrinking. He held out hope that she could be healed. Praise the Lord! We know her healing was paid for by our Lord Jesus Christ, two thousand years ago.

Gábor was also discharged from the hospital six days after the cyst was removed from his kidney. Two doctors came into his room to conduct the discharge. They asked how he was feeling and he said he was wonderful. He had a very good experience. The younger doctor reasoned, "God must be with you." Praise the Lord that even the doctor testified to the hand of God upon him in answer to our prayers and yours, as well as the church here that was praying.



Kristi and Gábor



Joseph and David

The church that has been founded in his home had their first service in a public building on February 24th. Although we had been invited to attend, we were among twenty people that Gábor had to call, asking them not to come, since they only had room for fifty people, and were expecting seventy. But he said their services during the first two weeks went well. Please pray that this work will be established and result in many disciples for the Lord.

Another one of the men whom Len disciplined, David, is doing well. He says, "I'm still studying at my university, but beside that I started to work at a financial company. It's an all finance company. I like it. I'm meeting a lot of people, and there are a lot of opportunities to be a witness.

I'm leading the youth group worship team. It is wonderful... exhausting but wonderful. I'm okay there. They love me and care about what I teach to them. I usually prophesy to them and GOD is moving in our assemblies. We pray and He acts. But we need a little rest and refreshment. We will have a camp at the end of March. We're looking forward to it." Praise the Lord for a good report from David!

Administrative Needs: Our current bookkeeper, Emily, has notified us that her services to this ministry will end next January. We really appreciate her giving us this notice, since it can take a long time to find the right person for this volunteer position. Since this is a role that requires a high level of trust and integrity, we are prayerfully seeking the right person to fill it, which the Lord has chosen.

The position involves entering data pertaining to gifts into a user-friendly, accounting software, called QuickBooks, and printing out receipts to mail to our partners. It also involves balancing the account, as well as generating monthly and annual reports, and sending annual giving summaries to our partners. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact us. The start date would be January 2, 2014, but we would like to identify the right person as soon as possible.

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:

"Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." (Ps 115:1)

1. For giving sixteen wonderful years of marriage, and four years of life to Joseph.
2. For the faith of Erzsébet ("Elizabeth") in the midst of her trials, and for her witness to others.
3. For the way the Lord is using David to be a witness at work, at college, and for his leadership in the youth group.
4. For the way Gábor's surgery went to well, and his excellent progress recovering.
5. For the Lord's protection over Joseph, that kept him from serious injury when he fell.

Next steps and prayer needs:

1. Please pray that the Lord will either help us find a new owner for everything to sell, which is most of our property, or that another missionary family would sub lease our landlord's home during that time along with our van and furniture, so we would not have to sell it all. And pray that He will help us with all the preparatory tasks that we need to accomplish in the next 75 days.
2. For the Lord to pour out his Spirit on the new church opening in Tököl, and cause it to grow.
3. For the Lord to reveal Himself to all the non-believers in Hungary, whom we have touched.
4. For the Lord to give us wisdom and understanding to know His will in each situation we go through.
5. For Erzsébet ("Elizabeth") to be completely healed of cancer, and her son István ("Steven") to be saved.
6. For the Lord to continue to give Gábor an excellent and full recovery.
7. For the Lord to further expand the awareness of this ministry throughout the US, Europe, and England, and raise up many new partners.
8. For the Lord to continue to multiply disciples through Dávid V. and the others in his church.
9. For the Lord to provide a new bookkeeper in time for next January, who will be faithful, reliable, and trustworthy, as Emily has been.
10. For our financial blessing.

Thank you so much for your partnership in this ministry.

Love from all of us,

The Lacroixs

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