



April Update

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

Health and Wellness: Charity is now completely healed of gingivitis. She received a very good report from the orthodontist in March. Unfortunately she is now having frequent asthma and allergy symptoms with the change in season. Jennifer is no longer having pain in her legs like she was the last time we wrote. So we praise the Lord for these healings and thank you for your prayers. Christopher has continued to have problems with his eyes crossing slightly, and we took him back to the eye doctor for another exam. However, the doctor did not notice this happening while he was in her office. We may bring him back for more tests later.



Charity, Hope, and Faith



Christopher enjoying a warm, Spring day in our back yard

Family: In March and April, the children continued to make new friends in the neighborhood. They've met a number of American missionary children who are part of a home school coop they attend. So this has been a wonderful blessing from the Lord to have friends they can play with who speak English. They have been out in the sunshine, riding their bikes together, enjoying the fresh spring air here in Hungary. And the little village we live in is very quaint, so it's a perfect place to ride around in.

Ministry: Len continues to meet with Greg for discipleship, and that is going well. Greg recently drank some tea at work that had a sharp object like broken glass inside. He swallowed it, injuring his throat, deeper than a doctor could see with a regular examination. For days it seemed stuck in his throat. Len learned of this while having dinner with Greg at his parents' home. Len prayed for him to be

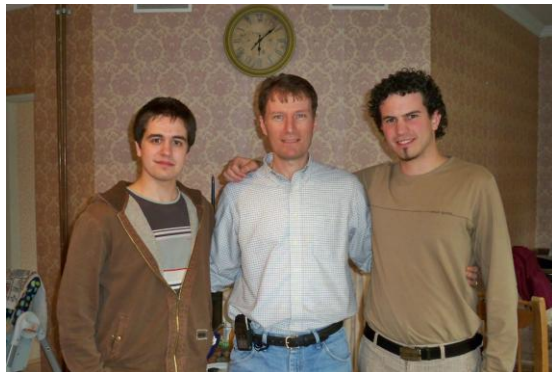
healed, and he immediately started to feel better the next day. The following week he reported that he was completely healed. Praise the Lord!

Greg is influencing a university student for Christ by the name of Kriszta, and she is drawing closer to the Lord each week. We're so blessed to hear reports of her seeking the Lord. Greg is also influencing a friend of his named Aaron for Christ. Aaron is still searching for the way to God. Please pray that the Lord will prevent Satan from blinding Aaron to the Truth. Please also pray that the foundation of Jesus will be laid within Kriszta, and that she will become a disciple of Christ. Len also spent more time with Vilmos, an elder in our church, equipping him, imparting to him, and encouraging him. That has been going great!

Late one night in March, Len received an email from a stranger named Paul, who had found our website on the Internet. He indicated that he was ready to recommit his life to Christ and that he needed our prayers and support. Len called him a few minutes later and found out that he was an Australian man living in Budapest, who is married to a Hungarian lady. He had been away from the Lord for many years and sensed the Lord drawing him back. He was shocked to receive a call back from Len so quickly. He prayed with Len to recommit his life to Christ, and it was obvious that there was sincere repentance. They met together in person a couple days later for fellowship and prayer. Since then, Len has continued to encourage him, and help him get connected with the Body of Christ. Please pray that the Lord will help Paul take the steps he needs to take in order to begin building his life on the solid Rock, Jesus, once again. And pray that his wife would come to know Christ as well. She is not a believer.



Joseph



David, Len, and Greg

At our church, the youth led the meeting one Sunday morning in March. David testified that Len is the one person who has been his mentor, who has most influenced his life in Christ. That's very humbling, and we are very grateful for the privilege of being a part of David's life. As you know, his father went to be with the Lord a couple of years ago at age forty-five, and David is now studying in the university. His studies are extremely difficult, even though he was at the top of his class in high school. However, he is growing in his walk with God, and the Lord is giving him worship songs to compose. He recently expressed to Len, "I'm changing. I'm getting a lot of words from God. And I'm leading my friends in spirit."

And learning a lot from God. Having an improving relationship with the Spirit. And feeling very OK!" Please pray the Lord would help David continue to grow in his walk with Christ, bless him, and use him to influence others for the Kingdom.

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.

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.

Len has also continued to stay in touch with the leaders in Bulgaria, encouraging them and praying for them. One of those people is Dr. Marina Dimitrova, the Bulgarian national director for ORA International, which provides humanitarian aid and Bible school training. We discovered that she had two separate incidents where she broke one of her arms, and one break was at the shoulder joint. So it has been very difficult for her, and she is making a slow recovery. We are praying she will be completely healed and have full use of her arm restored.

Another Bulgarian leader is a pastor in Kozloduj named Valentin, whom Len previously trained. His son was in a serious car accident in March and the car is totaled. God protected them, and they are safe, but they need to buy a new car. We pray the Lord would provide them with another car.

Another leader is Mitko, a pastor in Plovdiv, who is doing well. However, his wife, Ellie, has been deeply affected by the death of her sister recently, who was the closest person in her life. We are praying for her, as well.

Administrative Needs: We returned to the Hungarian Immigration Office at the end of March to receive the government's decision. There were no issues and we were able to obtain our residence permit renewal for the children.

Len will be traveling to the States alone in mid-April for four weeks. He will be speaking in home groups and churches in the Northeast about our ministry here, and meeting with our partners for prayer and fellowship. We've made arrangements so that Jennifer has help here at home from some young ladies, while Len is away. As you know, we had hoped to go as a family, but for now, this is what the Lord has enabled us to do. We still hope that there will be an opportunity for us to go later this year as a family. Please pray that the Lord would help Len while he is in the States, and Jennifer, while she is home with the children.

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 helping us get the residence permits renewed.
3. For the opportunities He has given Len to be a witness recently.
4. For the opportunity to help Paul recommit his life to Jesus.
5. For the Lord's healing in Greg's throat.
6. For the progress in David and Greg's lives and the way He is using them.
7. For the new friends the Lord has blessed the children with.

Next steps and prayer needs:

1. For healing for Christopher from continued eye problems.
2. For healing for Charity from asthma and allergies.
3. 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.
4. For the Lord to reveal Himself to Ferenc, Dávid and Tamás, the businessmen Len has been relating with.
5. For Kriszta to become a disciple of Christ and for the foundation to be laid.
6. For the Lord to prevent Satan from blinding Aaron to the Truth.
7. For the Lord to help Paul to begin building his life on the solid Rock again.
8. For blessings of healing and provision upon the Bulgarian leaders, Marina, Ellie, and Valentin.
9. For the Lord to anoint him as he speaks about our ministry in the States.
10. For the Lord to strengthen and help Jennifer as she cares for the family during Len's absence.
11. 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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