



### *July Update*

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

We're enjoying the dog days of summer now in Hungary. June was the rainiest month of the year, as usual. And it was a cool month, as well. But with July came constant sunshine and a heat wave with temperatures soaring into the upper nineties -- even above one hundred degrees!



Jennifer, Christopher, Faith, Hope, Charity, and Joseph in Nitra, Slovakia main square



Miro's son with Christopher, Faith, Joseph, Charity, and Hope (L to R)

*Family:* In July, Charity began learning to type properly on the keyboard. Since she has become such an avid writer, we decided it's time she breaks the hunt-and-peck habit. So she is taking an online course, and is progressing very well with her new skills.

The children have been spending lots of time with their friends in the neighborhood during the summer break. We've also gotten out to the playground and taken bike rides together, so that's been a blessing for them.

At this point, it seems unlikely that we can travel together as a family to the US in August. We have not given up hope on that possibility, but for now we are planning on staying home and taking some day trips during the last week of July. There are many places nearby that we have never seen since we've been here. Please pray for our traveling safety, sunny weather, and lots of great rest, relaxation, and recreation together.

Len and Joseph were ill with a gastrointestinal virus, following our trip to Slovakia in June. Joseph was vomiting for two days in a row, but then he suddenly was

healed. On the other hand, Len remained sick for several days, and went to see a doctor for it.

About the same time that Len was recovering from that virus, Charity began with unexplainable red splotches all over her face. It was not acne and did not look like heat rash. We prayed for her and took her to the doctor. He thought it was food sensitivity. But when the other children started getting the same thing, we soon discovered that it was the slapped cheek disease. It begins with the cheeks being beet red, and then as it progresses, the redness moves to the upper body, and lastly the arms, legs, and extremities. It's also called Fifth disease (Erythema infectiosum), which is caused by a virus, known as parvovirus B 19.

Aside from that, the children have been doing well. Praise the Lord that everyone is now recovered from all the sickness.

*Ministry:* Len has been meeting with Sándor and Dezső, conducting leadership training. That has been going well. He has also met with one of the youth group leaders at the same church, named Csabi (CHAW'-bee), to fellowship with him, encourage him, and pray for him.

Additionally, at Sandor's request, Len has been teaching God's Word in the congregation. The Lord is honoring His Word, and we are getting very positive feedback from Sandor, as well as others. The presence of the Lord came strongly during one of Len's recent teachings to the congregation. He taught on the Supremacy of Christ and God moved powerfully. Every person in the building responded by standing to pray and commit to the supremacy of Christ in his or her own life. It was a total defeat for the enemy. Praise the Lord!

We are seeing lots of good fruit from Len's training with the elders and his teaching with the congregation. The foundation of Christ is definitely being laid and the church is being restored.



Sándor (pastor), Marika (his wife), and their children



Len and Jennifer in Slovakia with Miro and Marta

Len continues to meet weekly with Greg for discipleship, and that is going well. Greg's father is a medical doctor, named Zsolt, who has been having terrible

back pain. Four different doctors gave him four different diagnoses. The first ones were saying it was a serious form of spinal cancer. So began praying for him. Since then, he has seen a fourth doctor who says it is not cancer, but a bulging disc. So he needs to go for surgery, but cannot do so, since he does not have enough vacation time and cannot find anyone to cover for him while he is out. So we continue to pray for him to be healed completely. Aside from the fact that the fourth doctor cannot find any cancer, the other good thing is that this severe trial has made a very positive impact on Greg and his walk with God.

Our trip to Slovakia in June went very well. We went as a family, and stayed overnight. Our main purpose in going was to build relationship with a Slovakian pastor, named Miro, with whom Len went to Bible school in the States. We spent the day with Miro, his wife, Marta, and their children. It was delightful to get better acquainted with Miro, meet his family, and share a meal with them.

Slovakia is a very beautiful country. It was formerly part of Czechoslovakia, before the two countries separated in what was called the velvet divorce. This was the first time that Jennifer and the children traveled outside of Hungary since we arrived here three years ago. They all enjoyed it very much.

It was even more special for Charity, who has been praying for Slovakia on a daily basis for three years. She finally got to see the land and the people she has been praying for. When Miro and his wife learned of this, they were very thankful to Charity for her faithful intercession for their country.

The girls also learned a few words and phrases in the Slovakian language before the trip, and there were opportunities for them to use it. This was a blessing to Miro, his family, and many other people we met. While Len found the Slovakian language to be very similar to Bulgarian and Ukrainian, it was still very helpful to have the help of our girls to communicate with the people there.

We learned from Miro that Nitra is a sister city with Naperville, IL, where Len has visited, and which is very close to the Aurora church that we are associated with. Miro shared with us some of his needs, which we are praying for, including an administrative assistant, additional support, a new building for the church, and some expensive car repairs they need to get on their van.

Len has continued to relate to a couple of businessmen in Budapest who are not disciples yet. The Lord continues to give him opportunities to have some excellent conversations with them – even about the Lord. Their names are Ferenc and Tamás. Please pray that the Lord would draw them to Christ, and reveal Himself to them. Last month we mentioned a doctor, named Barnabas, who expressed an interest in language training. However, he decided not to begin meeting with Len due to the travel distance.

In June, Len also met with Vilmos, one of the elders of the Budapest church. It was the first time they met since before Len's trip to the States in April. Vilmos

had numerous things he had been waiting to discuss with Len. It was an excellent time. They prayed together, and Vilmos said he was very encouraged by their time together.

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 and Joseph from the gastrointestinal virus.
3. For healing Charity, Hope, Christopher and Joseph from the Fifth disease.
4. For blessing us with a safe and wonderful trip to Slovakia.
5. For the opportunity to build relationship with Miro, the Slovakian pastor.
6. For His impact on the world for Christ in over sixty nations through Len's teaching.
7. For the wonderful way the Lord is working in the lives of Sándor, Dezső, and the entire church in Érd, laying the foundation of Christ there.

*Next steps and prayer needs:*

1. For blessings upon our upcoming day trips at the end of July, especially for traveling safety, sunshine, rest, relaxation, and recreation together.
2. For His continued protection over the whole family, especially the children.
3. For the Lord to continue to anoint Len and lay the foundation in the Erd 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 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 and Tamás, the businessmen Len has been training.
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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