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Hello from Hungary!!!

We praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him in Hungary and this region, for you serving alongside us, and sending us with your prayers and support. Thank you!!!



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Shelter Ministry

His head dropped down... paused... and then the boy quietly told Daniel where he was from. It seemed as if he was ashamed, cautious, if only for a

second as he answered the question. No doubt the last few years have been very hard and taken a toll on him and his family. Daniel put his arm around him and made some more small talk and asked if he wanted to play Uno. Uno is always a good go to game because it's international, but the true fun is that the rules can change depending on which country the person is from, which always lightens the mood for a good laugh for everyone. As they played, Corinne had a little girl that runs to her and jumps in her arms as soon as she sees her each week along with a toddler that loves to hear her sing and dances with her.

We didn't really know what to expect when we started ministering at the shelter but our family dove in and trusted the Lord. It's really been eye opening, often encouraging, and at times, heart gripping serving there each week. We arrive and get things ready and then someone heads upstairs to the dark, murky hallways, blankets covering their doors to muffle the sounds and to get a little extra privacy. We knock and invite everyone for a meal and some time together. They come to the fellowship in a community room where it's become a bit like a family for many. As relationships have been built, instead of getting their food and going upstairs, we now push tables together and sit and eat as a "family". Many of the residents have little to nothing, all of them - no matter the background, looking for hope. For many this means a job, or possibly the dignity of having their own apartment, others have dreams of going to another country to meet with friends, family or the hopes of higher income from work. Big dreams. But mainly, they just desire hope, a future. We share the Hope they can have in Jesus, an assurance of life no longer with doubt. We visit each week, bring something to eat, have conversations, play some games with the kids. What a blessing to see the smiles on their faces. Recently, as more and more of the residents have come we have been able to form a small worship after dinner with songs and a short message about Jesus. This past week I shared the Gospel and had conversations afterwards with a couple of people. Seeds planted. Often the residents are only at the shelter for a short time, perhaps a few months. We pray they will turn to Jesus and also invite them to a new church that has been established. Pray for them and this ministry! Thank you!



Outreach Ministry

Through the development of our outreach ministry at our home church we had a special connection with a man from Jews for Jesus. We recently met and planned a training module for street evangelism for the church family. Our prayer is that this would be a great opportunity for our church members in taking a step in faith, while also ministering together in reaching people for Jesus. Excited to see what the Lord does through this ministry!

We invited our dear friend Anna to share with the church a few weeks ago. Anna is a Hungarian missionary who serves at the shelter and has a ministry to the refugees. Bridget interviewed her so that our church family could learn more about her and the needs for the ministry and in how they can come alongside her to minister. Our church recently had an English Bible collection and 50 Bibles were able to be handed out to about 100 people!! Praise God. Now, a clothing ministry will be started so they can be distributed out to those in need, especially at the hospitals and shelters.



Personal Family Update

Daniel and Corinne have been so blessed with friendships at the international Christian school here. Recently they had a class retreat to Croatia where they had some time away from mom and dad. They loved it! Bridget and I didn't know what to do with ourselves so we went on an evening/night walk through the capital city. Beautiful. The kids had so much fun while they were away, grew closer to the Lord, and made some fantastic memories.



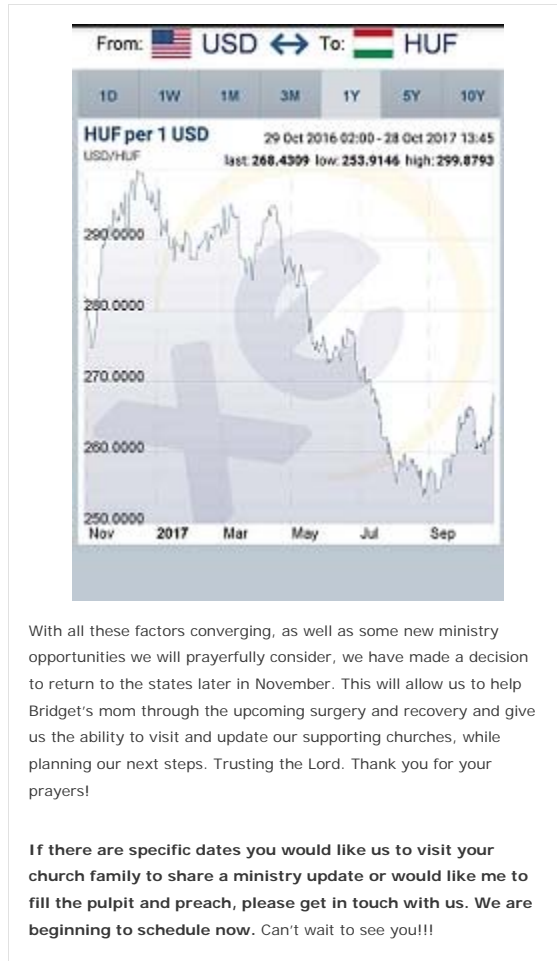
Many of you are aware that Bridget's mom had surgery recently. Thank you for your prayers! As you can probably imagine, it's been difficult for Bridget being so far removed and not being available to assist her with the recovery. We are so very thankful to those who have made the special meal trips, visits to check in to see if she needed anything and to keep her spirits up. What a blessing. Our family was touched by this and has really appreciated your ministry to her (and us). **Big shout out and much love to my cousin Deanne!!!**

We recently learned there will be another surgery in December and we

would like to be there for her.

Financial Support and Upcoming Return

Our financial support has been steady which has been a great encouragement. However, as we mentioned a few months ago and also have shared personally, the steep change in the currency exchange vs. the prior year along with unforeseeable expenses, taxes has been extremely challenging and our support levels and budget really needs to be evaluated and addressed. Below is a picture of the currency value over the past 12 months.



With all these factors converging, as well as some new ministry opportunities we will prayerfully consider, we have made a decision to return to the states later in November. This will allow us to help Bridget's mom through the upcoming surgery and recovery and give us the ability to visit and update our supporting churches, while planning our next steps. Trusting the Lord. Thank you for your prayers!

If there are specific dates you would like us to visit your church family to share a ministry update or would like me to fill the pulpit and preach, please get in touch with us. We are beginning to schedule now. Can't wait to see you!!!

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We love you and are praying for you. God bless.

Serving HIM together

Matthew

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