

December 13, 2019



(A Selfie we took while walking the dogs a couple weeks ago)

Dearest friends, family and prayer partners,

This past November Tündi and I celebrated twenty years of being in Hungary! Can you believe it? We left St. Louis on Nov.15, 1999, the day after I was ordained, and soon after we arrived, Hajni was born, right before the turn of the millennium. Those were huge changes in our life back then, and God was faithful to take us through it all. As we look back over the years, we are in awe of God's amazing faithfulness to us. He has blessed us and has taken care of us in so many ways. He has provided for our every need. What a great and amazing God we serve!! "It has been above and beyond all that we could have ever asked or imagined!" God's blessings didn't happen in a vacuum, but rather have come to us through you all. You all have been faithfully praying for us and supporting us these past twenty years, and have made it possible for us to serve the Lord and proclaim the gospel in Hungary. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting us and praying for us all these years and making it possible for us to do what we love! Tündi and I are humbled and thankful for each of you. We have a small team, and you have been there for us through it all. Over the years we have learned what it means to walk by faith and trust in the Lord.

As much as I am overwhelmed by all that the Lord has done over the past twenty years, and thankful for His faithfulness to us, I believe our best years are still ahead of us. Of course, we have no way of telling what the future holds for us, and only the Lord knows how much time He will give us, but I sense the Lord doing something really big. There are so many exciting things happening in the church plant and so many things are "falling into place". If the church continues to grow, and all signs point in that direction, then I would like to ask you to please pray, especially for humility. I would like to rest upon God's promise that He gives grace to the humble but is opposed to the proud. I would like to walk before the Lord in humility as He pours out His blessings, and to give Him all the glory. Tim Keller calls it the "freedom of humility" when we are able to forget about ourselves. It is our arrogance and fears that keep us in bondage, and I know my heart is so easily prone towards pride (on good days) and/or worrying/fear (on bad days). It is God's amazing grace that allows us to forget about ourselves and rest in His abundant mercy and goodness. The coming months promise to be an all out battle with lots of bumps and bruises along the way, so please pray for the Lord to do a miracle in us and through us as He continues to build His Kingdom in Budapest, Hungary.

Lastly, as much as I dislike talking about finances and try to avoid it as much as possible, but because Tüندی will be taking two more counseling classes at Westminster starting in January, I need to mention it. We are hard pressed to cover these costs. If you would like to make a year-end donation and help out with Tüندی's tuition, please know it would be a huge help for us. The cost for the two classes is \$3,600.

I would like to close off my letter with wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! Also please remember to pray for Tüندی's first Christmas concert in six years which will be on Saturday night, Dec. 21. Over 40 people are in the choir, as well as the shadow theatre dancers, musicians and children's choir. We will send you pictures afterward. It promises to be a wonderful outreach opportunity and a packed house.

Krisztusban,

Rob for Tüندی and the girls