

March 24, 2022

Dear Prayer Partners,

It has been a while since you last heard from me and Tündi. We would like to thank you for your prayers on our behalf despite not hearing from us. In this letter, I would like to share with you some of the exciting things the Lord has been doing these past months and to ask you to please pray for a couple of very specific things coming up.

1. The Iranians. Over the past couple of months, the Lord has brought 4 young people to our church from Iran whom we have since baptized at our Sunday service. It all started when an engaged young couple came to our church and surprised me by asking to be baptized. They had just started to attend an underground church in Tehran and were immediately persecuted as Christians. They fled the country and came to Budapest and found our church by "accident". Over the next couple of weeks, we had very intense conversations with Fatima and Mustafa about their young faith and helped them to understand the gospel. Because they really wanted to celebrate their new life as Christians and with a new chapter in their life starting, we baptized them and celebrated their new life in Christ. It was their first Christmas as Christians. Since then they have had to move on to London where they are now attending a good church. A few weeks later, Fatima's sister showed up with her Iranian friend and asked us to show her "the way to God". After a few wonderful conversations explaining the gospel to them, they too became Christians and were baptized in our church. Since then they have become a part of our church and are growing in their faith. They have become good friends with the...

2. The Pakistanis. God sent three young and beautiful Pakistanis (A sister, brother, and cousin) to our church a few months ago who were Christian in name but didn't know the basics about the gospel. After a few conversations explaining to them the basics about Jesus Christ, they too became Christians and ever since have been attending our church. Tündi is meeting every week with them and helping them to grow up in their new faith. They love their time together with Tündi and see us as their new mother and father. Please pray for them to continue to learn Hungarian and English and grow up into maturity in Christ. We are hoping to reach out to the other Pakistanis in Budapest through them. Musa is young in his faith and is open to the idea of becoming a pastor. Please pray for them.

3. The Ukrainians: Since the war broke out, Hungary has received the second most refugees next to Poland. Over 450,000 Ukrainians have fled to Hungary. Last week we prayed for the 15 Ukrainians in our church service. Please also pray for these neighboring countries to be able to take care of the Ukrainians as the load is huge for such small countries. Pray that we will be able to show generous hospitality (like the Polish) way above our means and to love the Ukrainian people well. We are currently supporting a Hungarian pastor and his church in western Ukraine (the area that used to belong to Hungary) who is caring for over 200 refugees. The refugees are staying in a school building in their town as well as people's homes. Our pastor and his church are caring for and feeding them every day. This is typical of what is happening all over central Europe. Many people in our church also help the Ukrainian refugees by opening their homes and going to the border to help and volunteering at the Train stations. We are organizing to help on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Budapest BOK center, where the refugees arrive. It is so encouraging to see how many people are sacrificially giving and helping.

4. Counseling Training Time: Next weekend, April 1, 2, Tündi will have an opportunity to teach the counseling method she learned from Westminster seminary. She has been working very hard in preparing for this upcoming training time, and we are excited about the 40 people who have signed up

for the training time. Please pray with us as we hope to train small group leaders so they can provide a safe place in which 4-5 people can find true fellowship and Biblically support one another in prayer and encouragement. Just like America, Covid, and now the War has caused so many people to feel high levels of anxiety.

There are many exciting things going on. Please pray with us for the Lord to bring a revival and to use these troubling times to draw many people to Himself. We hope to share about those things as well in our next letter in just a few weeks. Thank you so much for praying for us during this very busy time of ministry. May the Lord keep you safe and close to Himself,

In the Name of Jesus, the Name above all Names,

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