

Supporters, family, and friends alike,
Thank you so much for giving a few minutes to read some things happening here.

Highlights:

At Easter time, our church enjoyed a new way of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus and what His passion week looked like. Heidi facilitated a prayer walk, as she coordinated various church members contribution to the displays, via visuals, writings, and Bible verses. Just outside the cultural center where we meet for worship, one young man currently training for ministry in our church dressed in a garment that would represent Jesus and cooked fish, offering bread as well. It was a sunny and joyous day, and we felt some of the excitement and personal care that the disciples must have felt on that morning he made breakfast for them on the seashore after his resurrection.

At the end of April after Easter, our Pioneers organizations hosted a conference for those serving in Central Europe. There were programs for our children and refreshing teachings for us. The weather was gorgeous and it was a sweet getaway from every day life. Our oldest two children, Emily and Sam, have continued connections with some of the MK's they met there. Tony made friends as well. We took an extra couple days at the end to travel with our longstanding family friends, Jason and Tahrán Olson, who will be in Hungary until the end of summer. Their plans are to head back to the States to serve in new ways there afterwards, so we seized the moment to get quality time with them.

Roger continues to carry the Word to the children of the local Petofibanya school faithfully every week. He is able to teach each individual class from grades 1st through 8th at a personal level. He also gives a weekly devotion to the whole school at once, including the teaching staff. This is a tremendous opportunity in his role as school pastor. The Lord has also kept the door open for him to teach Bible in our boys' school, not only to them but to a handful of other kids who have signed up for this optional faith course. Because our sons' school is not a Christian school, these faith classes are optional, similar to the release time programs that Child Evangelism fellowship does in the States. Those who don't sign up for these classes take a general ethics class instead.

Rog also remains faithful to continue his theological studies online so that his Bible teaching is accredited and approved by the Baptist Union here in Hungary. Not only for that, though, he is stirred in the faith each time he digs deep to prepare for a sermon or bring this theology into his everyday world as husband, father, friend and mentor.

Our good friend Szabi, who Roger has mentored and who has babysat our boys just got married to a lovely Christian girl at the end of May. In absence of his father (who had left the family), the young man honored Roger and asked him to give a few words at his wedding. It was very touching. Please pray for Szabi and his young wife Lidia as they embark on their new journey of honoring Jesus in Christ centered marriage.

In just over a week, our teammates and good friends the Mercers will be traveling back to the States for Home assignment. We will surely miss their constant fellowship and leadership in our ministry here. They have done much already to help prepare us and our Hungarian ministry teammates for the Vacation Bible School camps that are coming up end of July and mid August.

We hope to get out another update before the other important ministries of the summer begin to solicit your prayer. I'll just make mention of them for now. At the tail end of June and early July, 11 people from Roger's primary sending church in California will come to put on a Gospel English Camp for elementary kids in our local town of Petofibanya. From July 12th through 19th a group of folks from both Roger's California sending church and Heidi's home church in Michigan will be coming out to hold an Evangelistic English Camp for teens and adults. Shortly after this will be our first VBS in Petofibanya. Then in mid August we will hold one more VBS (using the same program) because so many families register that we do not have enough staff or space to host everyone at once. Between these two VBS camps will be a bit of rest and also an MK retreat/refreshment camp for our older two children.

A busy summer lies ahead, but we trust the Lord who has guided our pace throughout the year to provide the strength we need for the final finish. These camps are usually great experiences for our children, but there are days when they get weary socially and physically, just like we do. Please do pray for them. Emi is now 16 years old, Sammy 14, and Tony 9. Such treasures of God!

As always we are eternally grateful for your prayers and financial support. We trust God to bless you beyond measure!

In His grip,
Heidi for the fam