



July 2021

Hello everyone!

I hope that your summer is going well. We have had a very nice and relaxing July, finally getting to enjoy Budapest without masks! At the beginning of July the indoor mask mandate was lifted, and they also reduced the number of places that would require a vaccine certificate. Mainly, restaurants and hotels would no longer require a certificate. So, we were able to take a short 2 hour road trip to Hungary's own Lake Balaton and spend a weekend there. Hungary is a land-locked country and has no ocean. But, Lake Balaton is a large lake (kind of like the Great Lakes in America), and has many cities, resorts, and tourist attractions around it. It is probably the most popular vacation spot for Hungarians inside the country. We had a great time enjoying the beach and some relaxing family time.

We continue to study the language each week. With things being opened up more and more, as well as attending church weekly, we get more practice speaking and listening. Although I stepped back my intensive language study in the summer to private classes, I plan on hitting the books hard again in the fall. Brooke continues to study twice a week with her teacher. And, Judah has even been repeating some simple words we use with him. He has taken more of an interest in the language now that he can play with other kids, and he tries to imitate what they are saying. We are told that he will learn very fast when he goes to Ovoda (kindergarten/pre-k) in the fall. We are excited for him to go, make friends, and learn the language. Please pray for him for September!

We have been able to casually meet with several new friends this past month.

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We are just trying to continue to build these new relationships, and I hope & am praying that some will be interested in studying the Bible with us. The two sisters continue to meet with us every couple of weeks to hang out, and for Bible study. We have been working through the gospel of John with them, and they even came to the church service with us last week to check it out. I've told them what we are desiring to do in Hungary, but it was good for them to see what a small church plant actually looks like. They enjoyed it a lot. Please keep praying for them, as well as the other people I'm trying to invest in. I've got about 2 or 3 dozen names in my prayer journal that I pray for daily, and I'm begging God to save souls here.

I'm also praying for HAF opportunities to come in the fall as well. I've been in contact with the lady who helps us do those ministries with kids, and I'm hoping to have dinner with her soon to catch up and discuss potential opportunities this fall. This is another prayer point. Europe is already forecasting a fourth (yes FOURTH...) wave of Covid19 in the fall. I'm hoping and praying this doesn't happen, or at least it doesn't cause massive closures country-wide. I'm not sure how much more Hungary's economy can take, and if they close down the schools again it limits the ministry opportunities I can do with kids. Also, we really want Judah to be able to go to school in the fall as well, so please just pray that this fourth wave doesn't happen, or at least that the effects are not as devastating as in the past.

In August we are planning a few little family excursions to further explore Budapest and Hungary while things are open. We are taking Judah to the zoo, which is very close to our flat, as well as an Aquarium. Also, the church plant we attend is having a Family Camp event in August, so we are going to go with them to that. It will be fun to do some camping with the family, make closer friends, and have some more language immersion.

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Sorry I don't have a lot of pictures for you guys. We'll try to do better at posting more often on our Facebook page. But if I'm being honest, right now, ministry life isn't the most exciting and fun thing to share with you all. We pray a lot, we study grammar a lot. We try to make new friends, and meet up with current friends. We continue to learn how to "fit in", and navigate living in a foreign country, all while Covid rules continuously change. I continue to work on paperwork for applying for citizenship, perhaps early next year. Sometimes I wish I had more to share with you guys... exciting missionary tales of adventure and salvations. But for now, God has made it clear to me that we just have to trust Him, work hard, pray harder, and be patient. We know He is preparing us for whatever He has here in His timing.

Thank you guys for praying for us. We love you all so much. We hope that travel laws here change someday soon, and we can have some of you visit. But for now, we'll continue to seek Him each day and trust His plan. He is good.

God bless!

Kale Horvath

*Jeremiah 17:7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.*

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