

meet the MADARASZS



HUNGARY

their story

Gabi grew up in a Christian home, which was highly unusual in the communist country of Hungary. He accepted Christ when he was 14 and felt the Lord calling him into full-time ministry after graduating from college. Mara knew nothing about Jesus or Christianity growing up. She accepted Christ as her Savior in college when a CRU member came to her dorm room and shared the Gospel with her. Gabi and Mara got married in September 2007, and have a son, Gabo, who was born in 2012 and a daughter, Tamara, who was born in 2014.

Gabi and Mara joined CRU in 2007, focusing on student evangelism and discipleship. Gabi is the National Director of Student Ministries for CRU, overseeing their work with high school and university students. One of his main responsibilities is disciplining and developing the local team leaders and helping to set CRU's ministry goals.

Some of CRU's major strategies are:

- Delivering evangelistic Student Survival Kits to university students at the beginning of each school year
- Speak Out Summer Camp, which teaches Hungarian students English while engaging them around the Christian faith
- Street and door-to-door evangelism

Some of these strategies are the very things that God used to draw Mara to himself, and now she is ministering to others in the same way. In addition to taking care of their two small children, Mara is still active in the ministry, disciplining women in her home.

PRAYER > > >

> Gabi and Mara held several "Speak Out" summer camps (four camps?) over the summer. 12 Americans had about 5 campers each week to help teach English to about 60 high school and college-aged campers (so 240 campers for the four weeks?). (A degree in Hungary requires a second language, and English is often chosen for the second language.) During the first weeks at the University during the current Fall semester, 20 students from the Speak Out camps showed up the first week to the Cru meeting, and 15 students from the Speak Out camps showed up again the second week. So pray for continued interest from these students in spiritual discussions in general and in believing the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

> Student survival kits were sent out on-line along with a survey that resulted in 550 student contacts. Gabi and Mara are reaching out to each of these students to invite them to a personal meeting where they can further have spiritual discussions if the students are interested. Pray for many students to be interested in pursuing the one on one follow up meeting that is offered from the phone calls from Gabi and Mara. Also, pray specifically for interest from lots of students from these calls and meetings for Gabi to start a seeker Bible Study with the interested students that are followed up with these phone calls and one-on-one meetings. Pray that many students would place their faith in Jesus Christ for their only hope for heaven.

> Mara is advertising a 5 part zoom series on Facebook that will start the second week of November. Pray that many non-believing seekers would be interested in attending this zoom series that will discuss spiritual topics and share the gospel message. Pray that many would place their faith in Jesus Christ.

> Mara is currently ministering to 38 people online about a Christ-like approach to eating. Pray that many people would believe the gospel message and be blessed by this teaching.

> Mara's parents.—This weekend, Mara and Gabi are meeting Mara's parents. Pray for open hearts for her parents to have spiritual discussions about eternity and open hearts to hear and believe the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

> Hungarian economy - Natural gas heating costs are up as much as 7x, which will create financial challenges through the winter. Pray for hearts to be open to the gospel through these challenging times.