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The Madaraszs

T H E I R S T O R Y

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 children, Mara teaches a Biblically-based program on healthy eating to help those who are seeking to live a healthy lifestyle and uses the curriculum to introduce them to the gospel. And she disciples women in her home. The Bible Chapel has partnered with the Madaraszes since 2017

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P R A I S E + P R A Y E R

- -May rain fall on the seeds sown during Gabi's mission trip, cultivating the soil of hearts so that they may bear fruit. It would be good to continue some relationships through social media.
- - As the new semester begins this February, we pray for planning and wisdom so that our plans and events will result in many new connections (including BhhP Mission trip)
- - This year we have to find a new location for our Speak Out English camp—after about 30 years, the camp will have a new location. We will still be staying near Lake Balaton, but we have booked a new student hostel. Pray that this location will work out—it will be quite different from the previous, familiar location, but we know that God will be able to use this to refresh the camp.
- - This semester, Mara will have 5 body image classes at a Catholic school in Budapest. We already held classes here last year, and the organizing teachers specifically asked us to include deeper spiritual and Christian content in the classes. This is a huge opportunity because it shows the deep trust that has developed towards us at the school. (This is one of the best and strongest public schools in Budapest.)
- - Please pray for our BhhP missions week - it is such an important week! Lots will be happening, so please join us in prayer for our staff, student leaders and the American BhhP team as we step out in faith to take the Gospel to hundreds of students.
- We'll do
 - - high school presentations (a LOT)
 - - high school and college outreach night
 - - random evangelistic conversations on campuses
- All week and at all these events, we'll invite students to Speak Out camp - please pray that many would come (like last year). Many souls will hear the Gospel during this week. Please pray that the Lord would have mercy on them so that they could make their choice to follow Him!

The winter break and Christmas were wonderful and blessed. It was good to be together with family members, and this year we were able to experience Christmas in a particularly deep spiritual way. This was evident in the large family devotions and personal conversations.

- We are also grateful that Gabo has good midterm grades. He studies hard, so he has a better chance of getting into the high school he wants to attend.
- Gabi's trip to the Middle East was very blessed. He had many good and deep conversations, and we are especially happy that he was able to meet with the young man he met last year, with whom he had a deep spiritual conversation. He has also invited Gabi to his home twice, which is a very rare and special thing there. Another two guys invited him to their home as well - they talked until midnight after dinner. Gabi has managed to establish some relationships that can be continued (this was one of our big prayer requests earlier).
- The Bible Chapel is sending over a team of 5 to Hungary this March, for which we are VERY excited and happy!!!