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The Madaraszs

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 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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PRAISE + PRAYER

- • Mara: Back in the spring, a pastor from the Reformed Church in Hungary reached out to me.
- I've known her since last year because she participated in my 6-week body image and healthy lifestyle program. She suggested that we hold this 6-week program among Reformed pastors as well. Registration is open this week, and the program starts next week. My hope is that the pastors who complete this program will be strengthened in their faith, and that some of them might even start body image clubs in their own congregations. This would also be a great tool for evangelism—a good opportunity for congregation members to invite their non-believing friends into the Christian community by addressing a shared need.
- • This September, we received requests from two new churches to conduct training sessions at their locations on how to evangelize effectively through our natural relationships. The background to this is that two years ago, I wrote Bible study material on this topic for my own students. Then we were asked to hold a training session on it, and more and more churches and youth groups heard about this opportunity. So now the requests are coming in. For this reason, we are very grateful, and we have two prayer requests:
- a. that we may find a place for these training sessions within our existing core ministry
- b. experience has shown that one-off "brain training" events are less effective. It will truly
- be fruitful if, after the training, we can help participants put what they've learned into
- practice through personal mentoring over the long term. We are currently developing
- this long-term program, and we greatly need wisdom and guidance from God.
- • Gabi: I gained two new disciples this year, so now I'm regularly working with a total of five boys: Zsombor, Mark, Andris, Simon, and Gergo. They've all started evangelizing—
- that's one of the main focuses of our fall semester. Of course, while serving, they have
- plenty of opportunities to grow in their faith as well.
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- • Mara has been struggling with severe headaches since early September. This isn't anything new—she always gets them in the fall—but this year the headaches are even more intense.
- Last year, she underwent a thorough examination and was prescribed very strong medication for migraines. Also, at the "department for dizziness", they explained that the dizziness is caused by a displacement of the inner ear crystals. It's not serious, but it's quite unpleasant. Please pray that the headaches will ease up and that she won't have to take so much medication.
- • Our children, Gabo and Tami, have started attending an American youth group where missionary children go (including the Lingenhoel children). They're pretty shy, and on top of that, everything is in English, so it's a big step of faith for them to go. But we're really encouraging them, because this Christian children's community would be so good for them— and later on, there will also be opportunities for them to serve together. Most importantly:we, their parents, aren't involved in this; it's independent of us—we're neither organizers, nor speakers, nor teachers—unlike in most other Christian settings they attend. Please pray for them, that they may grow in Christ in this group!
- The new school year has begun; Gabo is starting his final year of elementary school, and Tami is now in sixth grade. We're very happy that they generally love school and their teachers, and that they have many friends among their classmates.
- • The new academic year has also begun in our ministry, and we're very happy because we were able to distribute hundreds of Survival Kits at five different universities. This gave us 1,200 contact information for students, whom we've already started calling to ask for in-person meetings.
- Gabi has already had a few very good meetings.