

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, discipling women in her home.

recent prayer requests

Gabi and Mara praise God that Covid seems to have quieted down. They decided to let their children go back to school this month. They have not been in school since October. They praise God for the school's flexibility.

They also praise God that their children are getting along so wonderfully these days. They truly love each other and play together for hours.

Pray for Gabi and Mara as they have started up their ministry activities as of January 4. Pray for their online meetings and their in-person meetings. Ask God to guide them and give them discernment about the best avenues of ministry with the youth through the winter months and Covid.

Pray for Gabo as he leads Hungary's CRU team. Ask God to give him wisdom and lead the team well.

Pray that this present Covid uncertainty will drive many of them to seek answers from the Lord and that He will draw many of them to Himself as a result.

Pray for Gabi and Mara's student leaders. Pray that God would raise up new leaders that would desire to be trained to share the gospel and be bold in actually sharing that truth with their fellow students. Pray for an amazing fruit in the lives of many students this year.

Mara has struggled with her weight for years but recently started a Bible-based program that has totally revolutionized the way she approaches food. This experience has birthed a new way of reaching people with the gospel. She has started a blog and a youtube channel, translating the English content into Hungarian. Pray that Mara's new online ministry will reach many people seeking answers for their weight and introduce them to the Savior. So far, it has been a huge hit with increased numbers of visitors to the sites. Praise God!

Pray for Gabi and Mara as they parent their children Gabo and Tami. Pray that they will be able to maintain a healthy balance between the demands of ministry and family time. And pray for guidance in whether or not they should have the children in school or teach them at home.