



Hello everyone!

And just like that, the summer is all but over! I hope you all enjoyed your summer and are prepared for the September madness of school and fall activities. We really enjoyed the month of August here in Hungary. We tried to get out and do as much as we could as a family. We took Judah to an Aquarium, and to the Zoo here in Budapest. Now that he is older it is a lot of fun to watch him do these types of things for the first time. We also spent 5 days at a camp with the church plant we are attending. It was a great time of fellowship, and it was great to get out of the big city for a week and spend some time in the country side. We also got to know a lot of people in the church better, and got a lot of language practice both listening and speaking. Overall, August was quite busy with activities, but was a great time for our family.

Now, we are preparing for September just like everyone else. Judah starts Óvoda (Pre-K) this week, on September 1st! This is a big moment for our family, not just being on the mission field, but watching our son start to grow up and head off to school. Kind of surreal that it is happening over here, and not in America. But we are excited for him to make new friends and learn Hungarian. Please be praying for him. We are not enrolling him in some expensive, private, English-speaking school. He is going to the local, public school just like everyone else in our neighborhood. So it will no doubt be difficult for a little while as he struggles with the language barrier. But so many people, including the school teachers, have assured us that 3 year-olds pick up on the language incredibly quickly. So please join us in praying for him to make friends, learn the language this school year, and not get too frustrated.

\*Also, maybe pray for his mama. I don't think it has fully hit her yet that her

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firstborn is starting school, haha. We'll see how she does on Wednesday.

The language continues to be tough, but we are moving forward one step at a time. I'm now into B1 level courses. It is an interesting stage in my language development. I can understand many, if not most of the words I hear when someone is speaking (if I listen very intently, of course). But because the grammar of Hungarian is so complex, I cannot understand very many sentences or full thoughts. I suppose this comes with time, but it is an interesting stage to be in. As I learn more, and practice listening, the language is starting to slow down a bit. I hear and recognize a lot of root words. So that is encouraging. It is strange to have a vocabulary of at least a thousand words, but not be able to speak better than a 4 year-old, haha. Oh well, at least I can count better than them.

I had an awesome opportunity to do some ministry this past month as well. The church plant we are attending has started to do some youth outreach events. They are using English as a means to invite kids. They hosted an English camp this summer, and invited all the kids from it to attend a youth event a couple of weeks ago. They asked me to join, which was very kind of them. I really enjoyed getting to do some youth ministry again. That has been my passion for many years. They are going to continue doing youth events every 2 weeks this fall, so I will get to help with those events too. They've also asked if I can lead some worship songs in English, so I'm really excited for that. Honestly, I'm just humbled and overjoyed to help them in any capacity with this ministry. I feel like these opportunities have been a gift from God to help me get through this stage of life where I am primarily a grammar student, haha. Please pray for the church and their youth outreach. The church is called Fókusz Gyülekezet (Focus Church).

We also continue to be in contact with people and friends. We are continuing to

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meet with the sisters that we study the Bible with. We are actually going to hang out with them again this week. They are very interested and passionate about learning more about the Bible, so that has been very encouraging. They have become some of our closest friends over here, and help us with a lot of things. They are also helping me translate some Bible study materials that I've written. Please pray for them, and their hearts to continue to desire to learn more and grow.

I always try to be honest with you guys, and I want these newsletters to be a peek behind the curtain into our real lives, rather than just some list of exaggerated accomplishments to make it look we are something better than we are. I hope you are ok with me keeping it real with you all. We are coming up on 9 months of being on the field. We will soon be reapplying for residence permits, as our current ones expire in November. December 10th will be 1 year. I'll speak for myself here, but I've been a bit homesick lately. I don't wish to leave or anything like that, but I miss you all. I miss FBC and our friends, church family, and of course our actual families. I miss the many friends and ministry partners that we have across the US in all of your churches. There are times, many times, where I have to remind myself that this is one of the sacrifices we agreed to make as we followed God on this journey. And I continue to give it to him each day as we patiently work and wait on Him. But if you'd like to pray for me in this area, I'd greatly appreciate it. I'm weak, and my flaws are many. But I'm seeking God to strengthen me and conform me more to His image each day.

We love and miss all of you guys. I know you all pray for us regularly, and I am truly humbled at the amount of prayer and support that you all send to us. I feel guilty sometimes because I know that I am not worthy of any of this. But God is worthy of it all, and I thank you for believing in us and partnering with us to try and do something that is worthy of Him.

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God bless!

Kale Horvath

*1 Samuel 12:23-24 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.*

