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HUNGARY





their story

Both Jonathan and Meagan grew up as the children of missionaries in Budapest, Hungary -Jonathan moving there in 1991 as a 1 year old, and Meagan, when she was 7. While they didn't know each other well during their time in Hungary, they both ended up going to the same university and hit it off immediately.

After college they moved onto the mission field in Budapest as tentmakers, working with a local church plant, but when their first child (Saphira) was born they could not financially support themselves and had to move back to the States. Within a couple of years the Lord brought them to Washington, PA, where they began to attend the Bible Chapel's Washington campus. A year later Jonathan took on the role as pastor of youth and outreach, and soon afterwards Meagan became the worship director for the campus.

After 7 years of serving at the Bible Chapel it was an unexpected surprise when the Lord opened the door for their family of 5 to pursue international missions yet again, this time with the backing of an entire Church. In Hungary, Jonathan and Meagan teach at an International Christian school whose students are less than 50% believers. They seek to leverage their love and knowledge of the Hungarian people's language, and culture to be witnesses for Jesus in every way that they can.

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Praises:

- We made it to Hungary in one piece with all of our luggage intact! We lost some batteries to Zurich customs, along with an extra leg added to the trip, but that was the worst of it.

- We have been able to connect with some family, some old friends, and with the Madarasz family (before they headed to speak out). It has been very sweet for us!

- The Lord blessed us with a beautiful apartment to rent within our budget in a great location in the city (plus it is air conditioned, which helps so much with sleeping!)!

- I have been asked to plan and lead the high school fall retreat this year, giving me an opportunity to oversee the activities and more importantly teaching that these kids will hear!

- While our kids talk about missing Washington, and wanting to move back, or visit often, they are enjoying the new sights, activities, and tastes, and they love our apartment.

Prayer requests:

- We are still looking for a home church to serve and connect with other believers in. Please pray that the Lord leads us and that we find a place where we can use our gifts to further His kingdom through a local congregation!

- I got to meet one of my students named Gabriel (half Brazilian, half Hungarian) last week at a 4th of July event. It was exciting to get to chat with him, and see the type of students I will be investing in over the next year, and also a reality check as he is a senior, meaning I will have a short window of time in which to witness to him. Please pray for him and for all of the students that Meagan and I will be sharing the gospel with in this upcoming semester!

- On August 5th we begin our preparation for the upcoming school year, we are excited to exercise our gifts of teaching in a different way, but also a little nervous. :)