

Dear Praying Friends,

Our family greatly appreciates the many gifts and cards that you all sent last month for the Christmas holiday. It is special to us that so many of you care personally about our family here in Hungary. Even though we are away from our family in the States, the Lord gave us an enjoyable time together as a family.

Sarah and I have been teaching at a local high school for several weeks now. We are in classes with the students, and we each have the opportunity to prepare one of the teachers one-on-one for language proficiency exams and for teaching in the English language. I have been able to give my testimony extensively and speak much about our call to the ministry and what God is doing in our lives right now. Please pray for God to give us open doors with these teachers and students.

I will be looking in the coming days for a room we can rent as needed both for a potential youth group English program and for our Special Olympics children's program. We have met some helpful contacts in regard to the latter opportunity, and I am praying we will have a group of families to minister to before the summer.

We will be taking a short furlough this summer in order to visit supporters while the children are not in school. We are trying to focus on the East Coast and Wisconsin/Northern Illinois. I think realistically we should be able to get to around 15 churches this time around. I will be reaching out to pastors in the coming weeks, but if you are in those areas of the country and would specifically like to have us in, please contact me directly.

With respect to the future, our group of believers discussed the possibility of meeting in a rented place on Sundays, rather than in our home. If we did decide to do this, we would probably begin in September, after our summer furlough. We appreciate your prayers for this. It would need to be an opportunity that this group could finance on their own, so that they are not dependent on American money, and have control over their own future. One option potentially would be for Sarah and I to operate a community center, as we did in Nyíregyháza, and have the group rent it for a few hours on Sundays. They could easily do this at a public community center, as well.

Thank you for praying for the sale of our home in Nyíregyháza. The potential buyer who made an offer in December has not been heard from for about a month now. She isn't responding to attempts from the real agent to contact her. It seems that she is not serious. In that light, we just want to ask specific prayer for us to find a serious buyer this month. The owner of the house we rent currently in Nagykanizsa needs to sell the house as soon as possible. He said he will honor our 1-year contract through the end of August, at least. We aren't able to buy the house we are living in, or any other property, until we sell our home in Nyíregyháza.

I haven't heard anything about the children's home outreach opportunity. I will have to follow up with that. We are praying that God will give us just the right

activities to fill our schedule and have a spiritual impact on this community.

The children continue to do well in school and kindergarten. Andrew's 1st grade teacher said he is the best reader in his class. He enjoys math a lot, too. Writing is still hard for him, but he has been making tremendous progress. His assistant, Judit, really enjoys working with him. This is also her first official teaching position after graduating from university. We are praying for an opportunity to have her and her husband over to our home.

Thank you for your prayers!

Mike for the Fruehs

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1) We had snow last week, and it has stayed below freezing since then. The kids have really enjoyed it!

2) Katie loves doing puzzles, especially 1,000-piece ones :)

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