

Steve and Rosie Kennedy

JUNE 2021

Location: **Cluj-Napoca, ROMANIA**

Mission: **Outreach and teams ministry**



Rosie continues to assist two students in preparation for English exams. Another development has been working alongside Ilona Veres and Kata, the manager of the church's kindergarten to start another English class.

We continue our Hungarian lessons and are thankful for a very patient teacher. As restrictions ease we are enjoying not having to wear masks as much. This has come at a good time as summer approaches.

Many aspects of life in Romania we enjoy; delicious food, beautiful scenery, seasonal weather, the old historic buildings, culture and traditions. We are also enjoying the church's close adherence to the Liturgical calendar. Pentecost was celebrated on 23 May and, like Christmas and Easter, the church had services each evening (and occasional mornings) in the week leading up to it. Ascension Sunday was the Sunday prior to this. We were both asked to take Bible class these weeks. It was a real privilege to engage with the youth and explore these significant events in the life of the church. As the church makes plans for summer camps, it is good to have a chance to get to know the young people.

Steve had an opportunity to preach on the Thursday night before Pentecost. He has made good progress in Hungarian and was able to lead in Hungarian, while Csaba Veres translated the sermon from English. He is also excited for the opportunity to preach again at a local Romanian Church in early June. The Youth Band played again on Pentecost Sunday - they did really well and it is great to see them growing in confidence and enjoying the opportunity to play. We are so thankful for the help of Zoltán, one of the dad's who is a music teacher.

The Cluj Christian Fellowship (CCF) team had a good day on Saturday, 15 May having fellowship, planning for the future and sharing a meal together. We also thought deeper about our vision to reach out to the international community and this gave much food for thought. We are now putting some of these ideas into action for both the summer months and the upcoming autumn session.

Prayer points

- Praise God for a good day of fellowship and discussion at our Cluj Christian Fellowship Vision Day. Pray for the follow up work from this.
- Pray for ongoing involvement in the daily life and witness of Tóköz congregation through the Youth Band and most recently Bible Class, alongside preaching for Steve and work in the Kindergarten for Rosie.
- Pray for Steve as he preaches at the Romanian Church, Biserica Harul Domnului (The Grace of the Lord Church) on Sunday 6 June. We are so thankful for this link.
- Pray for guidance and wisdom in all the contacts being made within church and beyond and how best to utilise these.