

## Steve and Rosie Kennedy

Location: Cluj-Napoca, ROMANIA

Mission: Outreach and teams ministry



*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel"  
(which means, God with us). Matthew 1:23*

As this is our first Christmas in Romania we are looking forward to new experiences and traditions within the Hungarian and Romanian cultures. Steve is particularly involved in services in Tóköz. There are evening services in the week before Christmas Day and a special Advent music worship service will also be held. It is hoped that all of the bands and young people that are now involved in worship within the church will be able to participate.

For a variety of reasons, and due to this busy schedule, we decided that, for this year, we would not plan anything specific within Cluj Christian Fellowship (CCF). Rather, we would take the time to be part of what happens within Tóköz and other fellowships and allow this to help us plan in the future. We are very pleased to have been able to help facilitate the Carol Service for Julia and Lucy's school: this will take place in a large Hungarian Reformed Church in the city centre with the capacity to hold the large number (approx, 500) and maintain social distancing. This is a great opportunity for the English Ministry and CCF to be visible to the international community. This follows from Steve teaching a Year 8 History class (Julia's) on the spread of the Reformation, and planning a subsequent field trip to visit our church at Tóköz.

Rosie continues to teach English in the Kindergarten but recently this has been interrupted due to children and teachers contracting Covid-19 and the provision moving online. Rosie is hoping to record some short videos for the older children so they can continue to practice English.

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As we enter this Christmas season it is our prayer that in the midst of the ever changing and continuing world of pandemic, we can all stop and take a moment to consider Immanuel - God with us, and look back on how he has been with us over the past year and thank him.

Immanuel - God IS with us. Amen!



### Prayer points

- Pray for the Christmas services in Tóköz and rehearsals for the concert on 12 December, that the message of love and the hope of Immanuel will be heard.
- Give thanks for increasing opportunities to connect with the international community through the school, as well as through Facebook introductions.
- The Kindergarten: pray that the normal routine will resume for the teachers and pupils. Pray too that those who are sick will get well soon and that they can reopen.
- Pray for ongoing language study for Steve and Rosie in Hungarian and some basic Romanian.
- Pray for the upcoming services of CCF: 5 December, 2 January and 6 February.