

## Steve and Rosie Kennedy

**JULY / AUGUST 2021**

Location: **Cluj-Napoca, ROMANIA**

Mission: **Outreach and teams ministry**



*“Do not be anxious about your life...Consider the lilies of the field... Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” Matthew 6:25,28,33*

Summer is here, temperatures are into the high 30's bringing with it spectacular thunderstorms (not a favourite of the girls). The effect of the weather is a garden bursting with life and vibrant colour, flowers and fruit in abundance. God's glorious creation is on display causing us to ponder on Matthew 6:25-34.

The summer holiday is long in Romania due to the hot weather, and the local schools close for three months. Before the pandemic there would have been a wide range of camps, helping families with the long school break. As Covid-19 continues, not all of these are happening which means a long summer for some children and young people as parents have to continue to work. Thankfully, our church, Tóköz, is able to offer two residential camps during the first weeks in July.

We are exploring options to run similar programmes through Cluj Christian Fellowship (CCF) at Tóköz. Rosie will continue to do some preparation with the students taking Cambridge English exams. Following on from May, we hope to have a second vision planning session in August, when we hope to make some concrete decisions regarding the autumn schedule. Later in August we hope to take some holiday time.

As we look back on our first six months in Romania, which finished on 29 June, we can list the ways God has cared and provided, extravagantly and abundantly for us: a church and ministry opportunities, a home, new school and new

friendships developing for us all. Change is never easy, even more so moving and changing location in a global pandemic. We are thankful for your prayers lessening worry and anxiousness, directing us to God who is faithful. May God help us all whether in Ireland or Romania to continually seek first his kingdom.



### Prayer points

- Give praise and thanks to God for all we have learnt and for those we have met over the past six months.
- From 5 to 11 July, we will be at the Tóköz Teen camp. The theme for talks is relationships with God, church, family and friends. Pray for us as we help with these.
- Pray for plans for the summer ministry of CCF and for preparation for continued work in the autumn and winter months. Praise God for good discussions and pray that these will continue and for those we will partner with in ministry.
- Pray for Rosie as she attends a women's retreat from 5 to 8 August.
- Pray for good holiday time in August to rest and relax, exploring more of this wonderful country and continent.
- Continue to pray for our CCF services the dates are 11 July and 8 August. Steve will be preaching on Psalms.