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Location: **Cluj-Napoca, ROMANIA**

Mission: **Outreach and teams ministry**



During Easter, and maybe particularly because of the times we all find ourselves in, the word 'hope' provides something positive for us to focus on in the uncertainty. Hope of death defeated and the risen Lord Jesus celebrated. Hope of the dark winter nights passing to make way for the brighter evenings. The hope of new life and colour starting to come out in our gardens and parks thanks to the changing seasons. As we write this, the hope of Easter is again all around us; Romania is a predominantly Orthodox country and so Easter is celebrated, at a different time - this year the beginning of May.

Easter services in Tóköz went well, with services every evening and some mornings of Holy Week. Steve was asked to preach at the Good Friday morning service. On Easter Sunday the youth band took part in the service and this was such an encouragement to the congregation and families of those young people who took part.

Cluj Christian Fellowship (CCF) had its Easter Service on Sunday, 11 April. It was great to have our first experience of sharing Communion together. We thank God for being able to gather for fellowship, share in worship, Communion, and reflect on our risen Saviour. We have planned a 'Vision Meeting' for 15 May to look towards the coming months and to seek God's wisdom for the ministry during the summer and beyond. Summer typically sees the city welcome many tourists and we are waiting to see what shape this will take in the current circumstances.

Rosie has had a number of requests to help out with teaching English and this includes helping out in the Tóköz Kindergarten. This is a great opportunity to connect with families in the broader circle of Tóköz church life.

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Prayer points

- Pray for the continuing work of building networks of connections in the city.
- Pray for the next CCF service on Sunday 9 May, when Steve will continue our studies in the Book of Acts.
- Pray for the 'Vision Meeting' on 15 May, that we will know God's wisdom and guidance as we look to the future.
- Give thanks for opportunities to serve in the Tóköz congregation and its wider ministries.
- Pray too for us as a family living in Cluj and our children at school.