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Location: **Cluj-Napoca, ROMANIA**

Mission: **Outreach and teams ministry**



For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a **Saviour**, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

On Sunday, 20th November CCF had its two-year anniversary service. We were also very honoured to host our first Baptism. Zsolt and KJ (a Hungarian-American couple) asked that their youngest son, Felix, might be baptised during a CCF service. Steve led the service and preached. Zsolte's father, Visky Béla (a Hungarian Reformed pastor and Professor at the local seminary), and KJ's brother, Josh (a pastor from Philadelphia) shared the conducting of the baptism. It was a wonderful celebration, and symbolic of what CCF is endeavouring to achieve - bringing together people from different cultures and languages in a community that worships our living, loving Saviour. It was also encouraging to meet some new people and welcome back others who had been away.

DECEMBER	EVENT	JANUARY	EVENT
4	CCF Worship Service	1	New Year Service
6	Christmas meet up with International students	7	International Student Walking Tour
11	CCF Discipleship group, continuing our study on "Fruitfulness on the Frontline" Tokoz Advent Concert	8	CCF Discipleship group, continuing our study on "Fruitfulness on the Frontline"
18	Multilingual Carol Service	15	CCF Worship Service
25	Christmas Services	22	CCF Fellowship gathering

As we move into the month of December there is the usual excitement and busyness that comes with the season. There are various events planned as outlined in the programme above. This year, we are planning a multilingual Carol Service on 18th December. We plan to run this like a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, but with at least five different languages (English, Hungarian, Romanian, with possibly Ukrainian, German and Arabic!) reflecting the people who are within the community of the Tóköz congregation and its CCF ministry.

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Booklets in different languages will provide the songs, readings and prayers of the service so that people can follow the service in their native (heart) language, and participate. We hope that we can demonstrate in a very tangible way the outreach and connection the church has made with the international community that is all around them.

Finally, thank you all for your prayerful support over this past year. This time of year offers an opportunity for reflection on the ups and downs, twists and turns we all have faced. We know that, 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble', (Psalm 46:1). As 2022 ends and 2023 begins, we are thankful for God's presence, and celebrate the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord - Immanuel, God with us.



Baptism of Felix who is held by a godparent. Felix's parents KJ and Zsolt are to the right of the picture.

Prayer Points

- Praise God for a wonderful celebration in CCF on Sunday, 20 November with our first Baptism and second anniversary service.
- Thank God for some small signs of progress in language study.
- Praise God for finally meeting up with the international student group and for their plans to host another walking City Tour in early January.
- Pray for wisdom as we continue to seek ways to support the Ukrainian community.
- Pray that in the busyness and preparation of the Christmas season within church and home that we will all find time to worship Jesus, the baby born in Bethlehem: our Saviour, Messiah and Immanuel, God with us.