



## Steve and Rosie Kennedy

Location: **Cluj-Napoca, ROMANIA**

Mission: **Outreach and teams ministry**



...for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

*1 Corinthians 8:6*

The month of May has been one of encouragements, and a helpful reminder that we are sent from and serve as part of a wider denomination.

On 7th May, a Team from Railway Street Presbyterian Church visited with us at the end of their week working at the



Exodus Centre in Sutor. This is the church where Steve grew up, and it was great to renew acquaintances, and to further grow a relationship that also includes the congregation's PW. As well as showing the Team something of the city of Cluj-Napoca, it was great to have them join and participate in both our morning Hungarian service and the evening English service at Cluj Christian Fellowship (CCF). As we shared Communion together during our CCF service, having reflected on the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus Christ recorded in John 17, we were reminded of the universal nature of Christ's church and our union with each other through our union with Him.

## JUNE 2023

From 16th to 18th May, Steve was in Belfast for post-Ordination training. As well as benefiting from Gary Millar's presentations on preaching and preparation, Steve appreciated reconnecting with ministry colleagues and friends, sharing and praying together.

Turning to ministry in Cluj, much of our attention remains with the Ukrainian community. Rosie continues to be very much involved with the Baby and Mum Club, and the After Schools Club. Fifteen months after the war began, and with no immediate end in sight, there are inevitable changes coming in the type, level and mechanisms of support for the refugee community. We are navigating differing emphases and priorities from government, non-governmental organisations, voluntary and community groups as we seek to continue to support the community we have come to know and love.

As we continue in our rhythms of worship, discipleship and prayer in our community of faith at CCF, we are exploring both greater opportunities for fellowship (now that the sun is shining!) and also how we might best serve throughout the Summer months. There are a number of possibilities for how we might engage with Summer camps and programmes, and we are seeking God's wisdom as to where our presence, service and/or leadership might be most meaningful and fruitful.

### Prayer Points

Give thanks:

- For partnership and relationships across our Presbyterian denomination, and for the encouragement they bring.

Pray for:

- Wisdom and insight as we seek to understand and navigate changes in support for the Ukrainian community
- Clarity to allow us to best understand and address the needs of the refugee community
- A clear sense of guiding and direction as we consider Summer programmes and opportunities