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Location: **Cluj-Napoca, ROMANIA**

Mission: **Outreach and teams ministry**



As we approach the Autumn months, we reflect on a summer period that has been a little different than in previous years.

Rather than a number of children and youth camps and clubs, this year our focus was on sustaining and developing our work with the Ukrainian community. Baby and Mum Club continued to run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The After Schools Project increased from two to four days a week during the school holidays, and we were pleased to develop some new volunteers (from both the church and the international community) to be part of this. As humanitarian aid and support for the refugee community shifts in emphasis towards integration in local society and community, we are exploring with our Project Coordinator and wider congregation as to how we can help the Ukrainian community to experience a deeper sense of belonging.

The Summer was not entirely without kids' clubs! We were delighted to host an Exodus Team, led out of our home congregation at Orangefield Presbyterian. We were able to connect the Team with one of the local YWAM (Youth with a Mission) bases to run a kids' club for 5- and 6-year-old children.



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The Team were also involved in home visits, working in their community meals programme for Ukrainians, and being part of the Women's ministry. We are also delighted to have the Team be part of our ministry in Cluj Christian Fellowship at the weekends, leading worship and taking part in the services.

In August, we enjoyed some family time on holiday near Burgas, in Bulgaria. Unfortunately, a car breakdown on the return journey extended our trip by 2 days, but also provided a remarkable story of God's faithfulness and providence in directing us to accommodation with a host who was perfectly placed to connect us with a mechanic that made the repairs in record time! God is good!

The coming weeks will see Julia and Lucy return to school, and some important strategy meetings in the Tóköz congregation as new pastors Szilvester and Csilla Bánto-Tamás begin their first full church year working alongside Senior Pastor András Kozma.

Prayer points

Give thanks for:

- A blessed Summer with the Ukrainian community, and new volunteers in this work.
- The work of Exodus Team 38, and the encouragement that was to both YWAM and Tóköz/Cluj Christian Fellowship.
- A refreshing and nourishing time of family holiday.

Pray for:

- The shift in emphasis for work with the Ukrainian community, and wisdom for how Tóköz proceeds in this ministry.
- The strategy meetings within Tóköz, and for Szilvester and Csilla Bánto-Tamás, and András Kozma, as they settle into a new working relationship.