

Csaba and Ilona Veres

Location: **Cluj, ROMANIA**

Mission: **Outreach ministry and children's ministry and teaching**



We praise God for favour with local school administrations so the Easter holiday Bible clubs could be held throughout Salaj and Cluj counties. We pray for children and young people in each Diakonia afterschool programme to know Jesus and continue in their walk with God.

One addition to our Easter Bible clubs this year came in the opportunity to share the good news of the cross and resurrection with Ukrainian children in the daily afterschool club in our home church in Cluj.

The flow of refugees continues into Cluj, as Ukrainian families are forced to leave their homes in search of safety and the number of those staying in the city seems to grow. Many refugees want to stay as close to Ukraine as possible in order to return home quickly if peace is restored.

The network of volunteers helping in the ministry to Ukrainian children and families continues to grow, and one of the ways we offer help is through language learning. Many who plan to stay opt for Romanian language classes, but some need English, either because they are planning to move on to an English speaking country, or because they require English for work opportunities so they can provide for their families. Ilona is involved in this work, building up relationships with the women, teaching English and offering pastoral care.

With just six weeks before the summer holidays which begins on 13 June, plans are underway for youth and children's day camps during the summer.



Prayer points

- Give thanks for the Hungarian Reformed Church's response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis and for the generous support provided by the Moderator's Appeal.
- As Jesus wept over Jerusalem, we weep over Ukraine. Pray for the team of volunteers hosted at the Tokoz church, ministering to those who have seen terrible devastation and are uprooted from their homes, seeking refuge in Cluj and other Romanian cities.
- Pray for pastoral care of refugees, those who are hurting and need spiritual support.
- Pray for summer ministry camps leaders, as we plan and prepare for these camps, that God would guide every decision, and every programme offered.