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Location: Cluj-Napoca, ROMANIA

Mission: Outreach and teams ministry

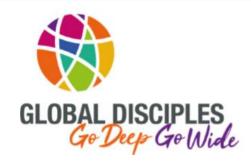


The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Deut 31:8

As we come to the end of the summer holidays we look back with thankfulness on what we have been able to do over the last couple of months: camps, services, retreat, times of relaxation and holiday.

Summer started with a week-long residential camp (5th-11th July) of 35 young people. The camp was run by Tóköz church and was in Hungarian. We returned to the beautiful mountains and Lake Lesz. The theme was on relationships: God, church, family, friends and boy/girl. As well as helping with talks, Steve was involved with worship and Rosie in organising art and craft. It was a great week; worship, games, hikes, talks and discussion. While being out of our comfort zone with the language, it was helpful in deepening friendships and forming relationships with the young people and families. The young people were keen to meet after camp and so, we have continued to meet every Tuesday evening to have discussions, play games, etc.

From 3rd-5th August we ran an English Holiday Bible Club at Tóköz. While there is usually a club like this in the church's programme, this was the first one run by the English Ministry, Cluj Christian Fellowship (CCF). We planned a programme themed 'Run the Race'. We looked at characters from the Bible and what we can learn from them about running the race of faith.



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Numbers were small but it was encouraging nonetheless. It finished with a BBQ for parents and in our final team meeting everyone was keen that we should plan to do it again but for longer!

Before heading off for our family holiday in Hungary, we managed to have a further planning session with those involved in the CCF ministry. We met for prayer and discussion regarding CCF and used the themes of Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Mission. We thank God for good discussion, increasing unity in purpose and vision, and ways for the ministry to develop in the future.

Some good contacts have been made regarding student ministry resulting in some very promising plans for the future.



*The picture included is of the CCF English Holiday Bible Club leaders.

Prayer Points

- Thank God for the continued reassurance of His leading as we read it in Deuteronomy 31:8
- Thank God for His protection and presence during the camps over the summer. Please pray for the young people as they meet on Tuesday evenings.
- Thank God for a good afternoon of prayer and discussion regarding the ministry of CCF and further developments of it. Pray for our unity as a group and for wisdom in our planning.
- Pray for the contacts and discussions regarding student ministry, for clear direction and guidance.
- Thank God for our holiday, lots of fun and relaxation! Pray for Julia and Lucy as they return to school on 30th August.

