

Setting up a home...

It's hard to tell you about everything that has happened in the past month. Just within the past couple weeks, we've moved most of our life overseas in [26 containers](#) and already have a place called "home" here in Hungary. The adventure of moving was probably everything you could imagine it would be. Sweat, patience, prayer, frustration, and exhaustion spilled together with amazing gratitude, kindness of strangers, and a peace that literally passes understanding.

Then finally, we arrived. We could not adequately convey our thankfulness for our local partners in ministry, Gerry & Kati McNamara and their daughters. The help they've offered prior to our arrival, and the welcome they gave us this first couple of weeks have helped us in huge ways.

Our apartment is much larger than we'd imagined, and all four girls fit nicely in one large bedroom. The kitchen is the largest we've ever had in a home, and there are shelves EVERYWHERE. Lol. After a couple of days of chaotic settling, we sat down for the first time as a family in our dining room and took a deep breath. We reminded the kids of Peter after he stepped off the boat, and how he began to sink. We prayed that as we walked in new ways - we would each keep our focus on the love and life of Jesus Christ.

Ministry Updates in Gyor

Last Sunday, we attended our first worship gathering with those we've been called to serve. It was a blessing, and humbling to realize the many different lives that have come together in this time and place. Many different generations, nationalities, and testimonies all extending hands of loving welcome in a country where such moments are growing harder to find. Chadwick was also able to return to the small group Bible study we visited in February 2018, and Sarah will visit the Children's home this next week!

We've already had meetings as a local ministry team, and even hosted the Hungary team meeting as leaders from Budapest joined in our apartment! It was great to meet those who've been serving in this area already and hear the ways our gifts and callings may fit into what God is stirring here.

The English ministries are a blessing, and one of the primary places we are able to serve. Chadwick will be able to lead worship this Sunday, and Sarah will be sharing her personal testimony there. But we pray that our Hungarian will continue to improve also - as opportunities in daily life happen every day. One of the biggest doors to conversation and connection so far has been, not "What do you do?", but "What has brought you here?" We are a huge family by Hungarian standards, and we don't all have the same melanin. The first full day here as we ate a quick dinner at the mall food court, an older couple simply stopped and stared - curiously examining the odd family seated near them.

But this has led to some neat conversations already, and we believe God has more in store. We pray for those God has opened doors with, and that we would continue to walk through life sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Praises and Prayers

- There will be prayer requests each month that we're unable to post publicly, due to their sensitive nature. Please be in prayer for those who have needs beyond what we're able to communicate.
- Say a prayer for Eva, Gary, Ezster, and Linda - all individuals that God seemed to want our paths to cross with just yesterday. We pray these brief moments of connection can contribute to His stirring in their lives.
- Pray for those moments where family & friends seem further away. The time difference makes staying in touch difficult at times, and there are moments the girls especially just wanna connect.
- Pray for Wednesday, June 5th at 1pm (6am CST). This is our immigration appointment, as we apply for our residency

cards. We have everything with us, and all has been approved already, but it still seems like quite a hoop to be jumped through.

- Language acquisition. We've done well so far, and being immersed has forced certain words/phrases into our repertoire. We can count to 10 now, and have already begun weekly tutoring sessions as a family. As Phoebe reminded us (in a moment of frustration), "How will we tell them about Jesus' Love, if we can't even speak their language?"
- Pray for our new friend and ministry leader, Sylvia. Beyond making incredible jellies for the orphans in Romania, she is also beginning the official process toward serving the church in a pastoral role! We pray God would continue to discover and call out those with a heart for serving the Kingdom in these ways!
- We're looking forward to the group from Decatur, IL coming to serve here June 28 thru July 6th! Please be in prayer for their preparation/travels, and that God would use those moments to plant/nurture the gospel work in many lives!

We would love to hear from you!

Hit reply and let us know how we can be praying for you!

Want to video chat with us as a group/church/class/family? Let us know, and we can try to arrange a time!

Are there any questions you have for us that you would like us to answer in our next newsletter? Hit reply and send us your questions.

Blessings from our family to yours!

The Anderson Family