

# meet the MADARASZS



## HUNGARY



## their story

Gabi grew up in a Christian home, which was highly unusual in the communist country of Hungary. He accepted Christ when he was 14 and felt the Lord calling him into full-time ministry after graduating from college. Mara knew nothing about Jesus or Christianity growing up. She accepted Christ as her Savior in college when a CRU member came to her dorm room and shared the Gospel with her. Gabi and Mara got married in September 2007, and have a son, Gabo, who was born in 2012 and a daughter, Tamara, who was born in 2014.

Gabi and Mara joined CRU in 2007, focusing on student evangelism and discipleship. Gabi is the National Director of Student Ministries for CRU, overseeing their work with high school and university students. One of his main responsibilities is disciplining and developing the local team leaders and helping to set CRU's ministry goals.

Some of CRU's major strategies are:

- Delivering evangelistic Student Survival Kits to university students at the beginning of each school year
- Speak Out Summer Camp, which teaches Hungarian students English while engaging them around the Christian faith
- Street and door-to-door evangelism

Some of these strategies are the very things that God used to draw Mara to himself, and now she is ministering to others in the same way. In addition to taking care of their two small children, Mara is still active in the ministry, disciplining women in her home.

## recent prayer requests

Things are getting more serious, and everybody is kind of expecting when the prime minister will announce that they will not be allowed to leave their houses at all. It's probably coming. They are doing well, and are so thankful that they were able to move into their new house just four days before emergency was announced in our country. It was really last minute.

Pray for their parents, they are all above 65 years old; Gabi's mom still working every day.

Pray for their ministry. The new situation brought new challenges, but also new opportunities. They do everything online. Two days ago they had their first weekly meeting online - it went very well, and they are very thankful for it. Today they will send out a report about it. They are also setting up a new mentoring system, where people can write them messages and can start conversations with them. They are very curious to see what God is about to do.

Pray that God will give Gabi and Mara new and creative ways to do their ministry to the students online and that God's Word will continue to go forth powerfully. Pray for effective follow-up when someone visits their website. Pray for Mara as she spends a lot of time translating articles to post online.

Pray that the Madarasz's children, Gabo and Tami, will be safe in their house since there is still a lot of unfinished construction that needs to be done. Pray that Mara will not worry. Because there is no railing on their stairs, their cat jumped off the stairs and died. The children were there and witnessed it. Pray that God will help the children with the trauma from this incident.