

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 five-year-old son, Gabo, and a three-year-old daughter, Tamara.

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.

prayer requests

Gabi and Mara praise God for their new house, their marriage and their children's health.

Gabi and Mara are asking the Lord to lead them in improving and updating their evangelistic and discipleship strategies this year. They have been using the same tools for years and even though they're still effective, they want to make sure their strategies are up-to-date and relevant to the needs of the students.

Pray for CRU's newly formed online ministry team. They will be creating a website with articles and videos to engage the students around biblical topics. Pray for the formation of the website and that this will reach more students with the Gospel. Pray for teamwork and unity among the team and for great fruit.

Pray also for fresh strategies to reach the high school students as well. Just recently the CRU team had a time of teaching with the high schoolers in their dormitory at night that seemed to go well. Pray for wisdom about the best time, place and tools to effectively evangelize and disciple these students.

Pray for Mara's mentoring of Dalma, a new staff member, and their Bible study groups. Mara is training Dalma for the next two years and they are leading two new Bible study groups together. Pray that Mara and Dalma's relationship would be an enriching mentoring friendship. Pray for the girls in these groups that they would all come to know the Lord and that they would grow in their relationship with Him. They are: Dorina, Zsofi, Bogi, Dori, Rebeka, another Rebeka, Dorka and Sari.

Please pray for the renovations of the Madarasz's new house. They are already about six months into the renovations and they are going very slowly. They thank God for providing them with a great rental apartment while the work is being done but their hope is that they will be able to move in by next May.