

# 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 that the renovations on their house are finally moving along at a good pace.

During the first week of school the CRU ministry, that Gabi and Mara lead, distributed 2000 Student Survival Kits, which included a spiritual survey. 1495 of the surveys came back from students who indicated that they had spiritual questions and were interested in knowing more about God. Starting this week, CRU will be calling back those students and setting up one-to-one appointments. Please pray for those phone calls and appointments! Pray that many young people will be truth seekers and will understand the truth of the gospel and make decisions for Christ.

Pray for Gabi as he goes on a three month Sabbatical from his regular ministry after 12 years with CRU. He will be focusing on professional and spiritual renewal and seeking God in his particular calling. Gabi is excited for this opportunity to spend more time in God's Word and to be with family and friends, be more involved in their local church and is even planning a pilgrimage to Croatia. Pray that this will be a time of deep renewal and rest for him.

This year marks Mara's 16th year with CRU. During those years, she has met with college students one-on-one, sharing the gospel with them and helping them grow in their faith. Just recently Mara has committed one hour every week day to pray for the ministry. This is in addition to her regular quiet time. Pray that this time will be an immense blessing to Mara and that God will bring much fruit from in their ministry.

Gabo is in elementary school and Tami is in preschool. Pray that both children will make good friends and shine for Jesus in their schools, even at their young age.

Pray for continued good progress on their house. The Madarasz family hopes to move in by Christmas, even though everything might not be finished.