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Location: **BODASZOLO, Hungary**

Mission: **Church Planting and Outreach**

Dec 25/Jan 26



**“...you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save his people from their sins... Immanuel, God with us.”
Matthew 1:21,22**

For our church planting team, November was the month of conferences. We enjoyed fellowship and were refreshed in the word, networking with those in similar ministries to ourselves at the national Gypsy mission conference, City to city conference, and a two-day Interdiac thematic support group looking at reaching youth on the margins. As we look ahead to December and into the new year, we pray that we would be strengthened as we gather and celebrate together, sharing the news of Immanuel.

In the business of preparing for Christmas, through our advent occasions, we want to help people to invest time in the word and prayer, reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas and know more of His power and presence in their lives.

Advent messy church will focus on ‘The greatest gift’, Romans 6,23, the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. Calling the children to accept the greatest gift of all and trust the saviour. As last year, we will have a creative ‘angel workshop’ providing the children with possibilities to hand make and wrap gifts for their family members for Christmas.

In the **youth group** we continue our studies in the book of James and will also take some time for a trip to the Christmas market for ice skating.

On the third Sunday in Advent we have been invited as a church plant to minister in a Reformed Church in village in the northern part of Hungary . We will lead worship, the youth group will perform a drama, and several others will give testimonies. We pray that the Lord will speak, that the church plant team will be encouraged as they serve and that this gospel partnership would grow.

Renovations on the churchplant property have begun. For the churchplant fellowship it has been a great encouragement and motivation to be steadfast in prayer. Work has started on the building which will be known as the ‘**IMAHAZ’ ,prayer house’**. Windows and a new front door have been installed and dividing wall has been removed to create a large meeting room and the walls prepared for replastering. It will take us some time to get the building ready, but we hope we can use it by the spring.



Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for the purchase of the Prayer House and renovations.
- Give thanks for the partnership of focussed prayer from our parent church in Calvin Square.
- Give thanks for four young adults going through confirmation classes.
- Give thanks for a great response to our foodbank collection in November. Pray as we deliver parcels to elderly at Christmas and in January new friendships would form and for open doors for the gospel.
- Please continue to pray for our usual Sunday services, bible studies, women’s group and youth group. Pray for rootedness in the word and unwavering prayer.
- Pray for the women’s group as we begin a new series of bible studies, and spend time crafting together.
- Pray for the youth group, that more young people would come along, that they would trust the saviour, and grow in His love and grace.

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