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HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE STUDY

The new uncertainties of this pandemic have allowed us to focus on language learning. Christy completed her first intensive beginners course at the end of October, and Daniel is currently taking his first course. We both have enjoyed the class and teachers immensely. It also has definitely been a rough language to attempt so far! Hungarian has 40 letters— 14 vowels and 26 consonants. Study at home is crucial to practicing and learning a language. But finding apps that teach Hungarian can be challenging. Here are some of our favorites if you'd like to join us in learning some Hungarian or they have quite a few other language options!

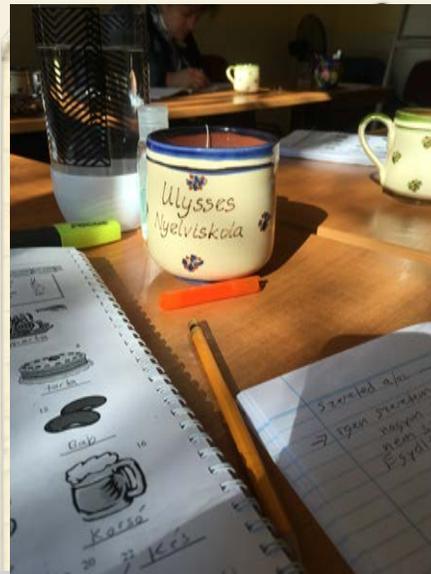
Drops- It's fun and the free version is a bite-sized 5 minutes a day. You don't get penalized for making mistakes and the starting point teaches you everyday words you need to know right away!

Mondly- It has a daily free lesson, and if you complete the lesson 7 days in a row, all content is unlocked for the rest of the day. That feature is great because then I can choose numbers or grammar and really work on that area in a concentrated fashion.

Duolingo- This is my favorite language learning app, but we were severely disappointed with how it starts the Hungarian content. In order to complete a lesson, and you only have 5 hearts, you have to learn complex sentences immediately and lose a heart for every mistake. But now that we've done some official language study and know some basics, it's actually enjoyable to go use it for Hungarian again!

FUNDRAISING PRAISE!

Global Strategy missionaries and our family specifically were really blessed by your generosity during September's #FindYourSTRIDE matching campaign! About a year ago, we were at just 60% of our necessary pledges, and as you can imagine, that added significant stress to our plates. Over the past year, we sent over 1,000 emails, had countless Zoom calls, and kept praying for the right partnerships to come together. After this matching campaign and the hard work of ourselves and the Global Strategy staff on our behalf, we are so grateful to report that we are at 95% of our annual pledges! Thank you for walking alongside our family as we walk alongside the pastors and churches in Europe and the Middle East!



Top left: We are attending Ulysses Language School and enjoying it immensely! Top right: Riding the escalator into the metro station after an outing into the city. Right: Grocery store Covid-19 protocol. Bottom: There are many outdoor vegetable stalls in the city, on the roadsides, and even in the smallest of towns. We love the displays of paprikas, garlic and pickled vegetables!



Fall COVID Chronicles

We entered into a new period of restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic just this week. We now have a nationwide 8 pm curfew, masks are to be worn both inside and outside in all public places, all high schools went online starting today, and all restaurants, gyms, etc., are closed. This initially will last 30 days, but may be extended. Actually it looks like it could be extended through February. The Hungarian borders were closed September 1, which has definitely changed our normal patterns of ministry in the region. We were able to start attending the Rákospalota CHOG in person in September and October. But now all church services in Hungary are online only.

Like many of you, we are in the process of adjusting to new normals this year for our work flow, our involvement, and what that looks like in all aspects of our lives. Christy enjoyed meeting new people in her October language class from five different countries! We invited them over to carve pumpkins and decorate cookies and enjoyed building those relationships. We also had a great time getting to know our neighbors better during a little outdoor Halloween street party for the three families with kids that are our closest neighbors. One family even lived in The Netherlands for about five years!

Even though the high school students at Sofie's school are now doing virtual school and all extracurricular activities are canceled, they still are allowing middle school sports. Christy has started coaching the middle school girls during their weekly practice.

Please continue praying with us and many in ministry globally for wisdom and discernment as we all try to quickly

adapt to fast-changing ministry needs and opportunities around us.



Different pictures of mask instruction around the city include the zoo's mandate to keep at least one anteater apart! We know we all are growing weary of the pandemic, and mask litter is now a thing.



Sofie's Space

Sofie still has school in person for the time being and has been thoroughly enjoying 3rd grade. We started dog sitting Honey at the end of September. We usually move and travel so much that a high maintenance pet didn't seem possible. But these months of dogsitting have been delightful! She's almost been like a therapy dog for all of us, especially this year when we aren't able to see friends and family. Sof is in charge of food and water, some walks, and reading to Honey! Her owners will return to Hungary this summer.

