

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

Gabi and Mara praise God that their CRU student meetings have had many more students attending than they had before.

They are thankful to God that they got moved into their house before the lockdown took place. Their children now have a yard.

Pray that Gabi and Mara will walk in faith, and that their faith, peace and hope would be visible to the people around them, and pray for opportunities for them to share their hope and faith during this time.

Gabi and Mara are seeking the Lord about whether or not they should continue with some sort of online meetings after the lockdown is over. Please pray for God to guide them concerning this decision.

The Madaraszes recently started a new online ministry with questions asking students how much they know about the Coronavirus. Students fill it out and then CRU contacts them to see if they have any fears or worries about the virus. If the student wants to talk to someone about their fears or any spiritual issues, then a member of the Madarasz's team contacts them. Several hundred students have filled out the survey and many good conversations have taken place as a result. Please pray for these individuals.

Even though CRU's summer camp has been canceled, Gabi and Mara are praying and wanting to do some other kind of summer event this July. Please pray and ask God to give them ideas about what type of event they can hold. CRU desires to know what the true needs of the students are and to respond to them.

Pray also for an event, tentatively titled "The Journey," that the CRU staff hopes to hold in October. This would be a fun and active outreach event which would allow CRU members to establish relationships with new non-Christian students. Pray that God would guide the planning of this event and that it would open many opportunities for the gospel to be shared with these students afterwards.