

# 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, discipling women in her home.

## prayer requests

They are so thankful to God for their house. They got moved into their house before the lockdown took place and it was wonderful for their children to have a yard to play in.

Gabi and Mara are so thankful that an accident that their daughter, Tamara, had last month wasn't more serious. And they thank God for a successful surgery and a kind nurse for her stay in the hospital.

Pray for safety for the Madarasz's children, Gabo and Tamara. The family's backyard is still a construction zone and very hazardous. Pray also for their house construction to get restarted and finished in the near future.

Gabi and Mara can't hold their summer Speak Out Camps this year because no more than 50 people are allowed to gather. Instead they will be holding a one-week camp for their student leaders, helping them to grow spiritually and training them in ministry. Please pray for the details of this camp to come together and that many students will be blessed by it.

Gabi and Mara are seeking the Lord about whether or not they should continue with some sort of online meetings now that the lockdown is over. Please pray for God to guide them about which online things to keep and what in-person meetings to go back to.

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.

Pray for Gabi and Mara to establish new partnerships with local churches so that new believers can get plugged into a church family and be discipled by mature church members. Pray for God to open up doors into many churches.