

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 for the camp they held at the end of July. Because of Covid, they were unable to hold their large, evangelistic summer camp this year. Instead they held a smaller camp for CRU's student leaders, focusing on spiritual development and leadership training. Praise God that it was a wonderfully blessed week.

Pray for all the students who attended CRU's camp last month, that they would continue to be in God's Word and that they would have a heart to follow the Lord and grow in their faith and be compelled to share their faith with those they come into contact with.

Pray additionally for these students who have recently been to CRU meetings.

Pray for CRU's one-on-one evangelism. Pray that God would lead the team members to share with those whose hearts have been prepared by God to hear the gospel. Pray that many people would be looking for answers and find their answer in Christ.

Please 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 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.