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Location: **BODASZOLO, Hungary**

Mission: **Church Planting and Outreach**



Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. Mt 6,33

Seek first His Kingdom was the theme at the annual Reformed Church Gypsy mission prayer day where we were able to take a group from Bodaszóló to join in fellowship with other intercultural church groups from around the country.



This prayer day is held on the closest Saturday to April 8th which is the International Roma day. A day to celebrate Roma culture and languages, to share what God is doing around the country in Roma ministries, to encourage one another and to take time to pray for one another. At the prayer day Ilona and Marika shared about how women are seeking to share and demonstrate the gospel in Bodaszóló. Our small group of women are keen to gather around the Word and in May will begin a new series on the fruit of the Spirit. The women have also lately organised several craft nights to connect with other women in the village. Caring for the needy in the community is also something on the heart of the women's group and for this reason the women gather for pasta making regularly to provide for struggling families. In April we were joined by Helen Johnston while on a pastoral visit.

We are thankful for those who are at the start of the journey with Jesus and pray that within the group, their love for one another be a shining testimony to the gospel and that they would be used by God to draw others to Himself. Over the last number of months our ongoing prayer has been for a location for the church plant bible studies, meetings and services to give us stability and room to grow.



In April at the local council meeting in Hajdúböszörmény, the council discussed our request for a piece of land in Bodaszóló for our church plant. The council offered a piece of land at a low price. Our parent church leadership are meeting to seek God for wisdom in how to go forward, for insight to choose the right piece of land and appropriate building plan for the needs of the church plant. In April we were also greatly encouraged by a visitation from the bishop and dean of the church district and were able to hold a service together and meeting to discuss the next steps for the church plant.

- **Prayer Points:**
- We are so thankful that three adults and three young people are shortly completing their year of membership classes and will be confirmed on May 11th. Pray they will be committed to the Lord and His Word and will be encouraged and deepened in their faith.
- Pray for the young people attending Christianity explored youth course that they would be rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as we spend time together around the Word.
- Give thanks that the council have offered us a piece of land for the church in Bodaszóló. Pray for wisdom for the leadership of the parent church as we move forward.
- Give thanks for the women's group in Bodaszóló and pray God will continue to work in the lives of the women.