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Location: **BODASZOLO, Hungary**

Mission: **Church Planting and Outreach**



In the Boda vineyards as we work to reach Bodaszólió with the gospel of Jesus, we are often reminded of our motto scripture of John 15 and our call to 'remain and love one another', in order to become the fruitful branch, He has called us to be.

This spring has had challenging periods where church plant members have been less active and there has been less interest in evangelistic outreaches. In these times we remind ourselves that vineyards need both hot and cold seasons to produce good fruit and we reflect on God's pruning work in us in the spring season to produce good fruit in our little but growing fellowship.

Alongside the challenges, we are thankful that in late May three adults and two young people were baptised and confirmed, becoming members of the church plant. Their testimonies were a powerful witness to God's grace and power, and our little fellowship was encouraged. One of those new members was our colleague, Krisztian.



Since March Krisztian, has been made a full-time member of staff at the church plant and it has been a joy to work together and see how God is using him. One creative way God is using his abilities and talents to connect and serve the community is through his cooking skills.

Since April we have held monthly cooking workshops aimed at unemployed in the village. Many Roma families have appreciated the low-cost seasonal recipes, and ingredient packages for all attending so they can cook the recipe at home for the whole family.

As we share tips and skills in making budget meals, we also have the opportunity to share a short gospel message and we are thankful that some real conversations have opened up in smaller groups.



In June we enter our time of prayer and preparation for the summer work and get excited about creative ways to share the gospel, and to build and rebuild connections with young people and families. Alongside our children's bible week and regular bible studies, women's group and youth group, throughout the summer we plan to repeat last year's Cahoon drum lessons, guitar lessons, football training, English classes and continue the cooking workshops.

Prayer Points:

- Praise that on May Day the local council asked us to run children's games at their May day fair. This was a great opportunity to be with the children and connect with parents.
- Praise for the three adults and two young people gave personal testimony of their faith in the saviour and became members of the church. Pray they would continue to deepen in the faith.
- For the Christianity explored course with the 7 young people in the youth group. Consistent attendance has been a challenge, so we offer one-on-one catch up sessions for those who don't make it to the group.
- On June 7th we will take part in a children's day in the village, running an evangelistic children's outreach and a prayer tent. Pray for bold spirit-led conversations about the Saviour's love.
- For the summer prayer, planning and preparation which takes place throughout the month of June, for gospel focussed vision, creativity and energy.