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Serving the Lord in Hungary



Fruit That Remains

As we prepare to return to Budapest this September, we are excited about what God has ahead. Our schedule is full, and we are trusting His grace to guide us through each opportunity. But before sharing what is coming, we wanted to share a glimpse of the “fruit that remains” from relationships God began several years ago.



One of those relationships is with Sibel from Türkiye. Sibel lost family members and her home in the devastating earthquakes that struck Türkiye. During an especially difficult season, she struggled deeply with grief, hopelessness, and questions about God. We simply continued to love her, listen to her, pray with her, and remind her that Jesus cares for her.

Over time, we began to see the seeds of faith taking root. During a particularly difficult conversation, Sibel told us, “I know I need to trust Him. I do believe in Jesus and need Him. I want Him!” We know that spiritual growth is a process, and we continue to pray for her as she seeks to understand and follow Jesus.

Not long afterward, Sibel received an unexpected job offer from her university—an opportunity she had not anticipated and one that gave her renewed hope for the future. We were reminded once again that God is the One who works in hearts and circumstances.

Another special part of our Budapest ministry has been our friendships with several young people from Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) who were forced from their homes. Marianna, Lilith, Mary, and others have become like family to us. Their families have endured tremendous loss and uncertainty, yet God has opened unexpected doors for them in Hungary.

Some have settled in Budapest, others have returned to Armenia, and others are completing advanced degrees and preparing for careers. Through these friendships, we have seen young people from cultures with generations of conflict between them become close friends, pray for one another, share meals, and care deeply for each other. Only God can build those kinds of bridges.

These stories remind us that ministry is not always about seeing an immediate result. Sometimes we simply plant a seed, love someone faithfully, listen when they need someone to hear them, pray with them, and trust the Holy Spirit to do what only He can do.

As we return to Budapest, we are reminded that the relationships God allows us to build can continue bearing fruit long after we think a season of ministry has ended.

Our prayer is not simply for temporary results, but for fruit that remains. Thank you for praying for us and for the students and families God has placed in our lives. Your support allows us to continue investing in these relationships and sharing the love and hope of Christ with people from around the world.