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HUNGARIAN YOUTH CAMP 2020

In June, lockdown officially was lifted and we tried to gauge what was safe and wise in regards to making plans and re-engaging with our communities. We learned that the cross-church Hungarian youth camp that was scheduled for the last week in June would still be taking place! It was so surreal and just plain FUN to be around people again, to get to know these young people, to worship together and play together! Dan had a room of guys and Christy had a room of high school girls and Sofie. The beautiful location was near the Slovakian border. Fresh water could be accessed through a mobile metal water tank with two spigots. Moni, the youth leader at the church in Rákospalota, Zoltán, the youth leader at the church in Budakalász, and Pastor László did a fantastic job of planning and executing the camp. The kids were incredibly well-behaved and were a great example for Sofie, who loved being around the "big kids" all week. We thoroughly enjoyed the chance to encourage, affirm, and pour into the young people present. It was impactful to hear their stories and learn about the struggles they have, even at such a young age. They are an exciting and promising group of talented teenagers!

Week-long matching campaign September 12-18!

We are really excited about the matching campaign #FindYourSTRIDE that Global Strategy is doing this month! Every missionary family has the opportunity to really benefit from your generosity.

Any new or increased monthly recurring gifts set up to start between September 12-18 will receive a one-time match equivalent to the first three months' installments. For example, for every new monthly recurring gift of \$100 a one-time gift of \$300 will be put into our ministry account.

Setting up an ongoing monthly gift is easy on our website <https://www.choggglobal.org/team/dckihm/> or by calling the office staff at Global Strategy at 800-848-2464 during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00PM EDT).

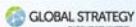


Above: Dan learns how to grill the Hungarian way at Friday night's campfire. Middle: Christy shares about forgiveness and not letting our mistakes consume our thoughts. Bottom: The kids had Bible study and worship times outdoors about who we are in God's eyes.



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Summer COVID Chronicles

In early July, after having been closed since the middle of March, the borders between most European countries were re-opened. If you are familiar with America, in essence the closing of the country borders would be similar to what it would be like if you could imagine all state borders being closed. As officials made decisions and explained new rules, we finally learned that our residence permit would allow us to be treated like a Hungarian national when crossing the borders. This meant that as long as we weren't traveling to a "Red Zone" COVID-19 high-risk country, we could freely travel in the Schengen region of Europe again. Sofie's eighth birthday was coming up and more than anything, she wanted to see IN PERSON our bosses and friends who are like family—the Nachtigalls. We had hoped when 2020 started that maybe some friends and family could visit us in our new home in Budapest. But the pandemic quickly changed that. So we got our documents in order and drove the eight hours to visit the Nachtigalls in southern Germany. It was a restorative, healing, and just fun time of laughing together, sharing stories, and processing ministry and work plans. On our way back to Hungary, we caravanned with the Nachtigalls to visit the Arco CHOG in northern Italy. We got to experience and learn about three wonderful things!

1.) It was so encouraging to see the church meeting in person (masked and socially-distanced) after being one of the hardest hit regions in Italy in the spring. 2.) We finally got to meet the ever-adorable Noah Lovaglio, born in March at the peak of COVID-19 intensity! His mom and dad, Marcos and Katherine, are just wonderful parents already and we rejoice with them for the birth of their son!



With Lovaglio family in Arco and playing games with Nachtigalls in Germany.

3) We have been praying for a new facility for the church in Arco for literally years. We have even brought some of you on mission trips to visit the church and help envision what could take place if they had more space. And we are just THRILLED to be able to share that they finally have a new facility! We got to see it—it's wonderful, centrally located, and move-in ready. And bonus—two floors above it is a flat for the Lovaglio family! It's also a great apartment for them! They moved into it and started services just two weeks after our visit. Thank you for continuing to pray for the Arco CHOG and give thanks for what God is doing there!

Hungarian borders became closed to all foreigners on September first. If we would like to travel across borders, we will need to request special permission from the police. Please pray with us and many in ministry globally for wisdom and discernment as we all try to quickly adapt to fast-changing ministry needs and opportunities around us.



Sofie's Space

In June, Sofie and I (Christy) started attempting daily outdoor trips where I would jog and she would ride her bike. I love that we can do this 2 mile loop together! We each took Sofie on a date for her birthday. She and Christy went to Claire's to get her first clip on earrings and then had cake and smoothies at a coffee shop. Daniel and Sofie went to the infamous Zoo Café in Budapest, where you can simultaneously have lunch and entertain a variety of animals (snake, bunny, chameleon, guinea pig, turtle, etc.)! It was more intense than it sounds, but she loved it! She started 3rd grade in person on September first.

