

Don & Karen Taber

November 2022

Our fall has been full with ministry, language study, and travel. Don's English class that he teaches on Monday evenings is going well. There are six people registered for the class but he normally has 3-4 that will show up on any given week. This semester part of what he does during the class time is play a song with some deeper meaning. The students listen to the song and then discuss the meaning of the lyrics. He told me just a few days ago that he's encouraged that the students are becoming more comfortable with talking.

Érd Ligeti Biblia Közösség, the Hungarian church that we attend, has been going through some renovations in the room that serves as their auditorium. Meanwhile they are meeting in an upstairs room that is normally used for the teens. The renovations have been taking longer and are costing more than expected so they are asking people to pray that they will be able to be completed soon. Two main reasons for this is because there are two members of the congregation who are wheelchair bound and are not able to come to the services when they are upstairs. There are also some elderly members who have difficulty climbing stairs. The second reason is so that the teens can have their meeting space again.

Language study continues to be an ongoing task. At least we don't feel completely overwhelmed anymore, but there is so much that we still need to learn and understand. Most of our work does not involve speaking in Hungarian so we do not have regular, consistent times to practice what we are learning. Our language tutor is such an encouragement to us. If you talked to him without hearing how we speak Hungarian you would think that we were amazing and incredibly fluent. He is so encouraging to us as we continue to make baby steps in learning to speak Hungarian.

In October we made two trips for leaders' meeting. The first trip involved leaders from the Eastern Europe/Central Asia region and the second trip involved leaders from the Central Europe/Mediterranean region. Both meetings went well. Needs were shared and prayed for along with planning and strategizing for the months ahead. Please pray for the leaders in these two regions – for strength, encouragement, and wisdom.

Thank you for praying for my dad's visit. Things went very well. Dad's back handled the plane flights without any issues. He did get sick with a cold while he was here but, very uncharacteristically for Dad, he was basically better in three days. We were so grateful for that and thankful for the time that he was able to be here. A highlight of Dad's visit was the three of us going to the town of Szendrő to see where my ancestors had come from. During our visit dad pointed out to me that I was the first relative from the US to visit Szendrő in 90 years. What a privilege to be there with my Dad and Don.

Full letters are available at the missionary table.

OUR COUNTRY AND WORLD AFFAIRS: Remember to pray for our country and our government leaders. Pray that people's hearts would be turned to God, and that His Word would be taught in our churches. Remember also those who are suffering for their faith.

MILITARY: Remember to pray for God's guidance and safety for our military personnel: **David Casement, Brendun Deer, Aaron Good, Adam Good, Zack Hanson, Joshua P. Harold, Stephen Harold, Jarrod Harris, Justin Ivan, Zachary Ivan, Scott McKinney, Brendan Patrick, Eian Patrick, Lia Staats, Liam Thisse, and Alex Wallace.**

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EVANGEL
BAPTIST CHURCH

Evangel @ Prayer

2/8/2023

February 8, 2023

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Praise the Lord! **Dave Hughes** had a successful hip replacement surgery on Monday. Continue to pray for his recovery and healing.
- Please keep the **Hash family** in your prayers with the recent loss of their oldest son and brother, Jeffrey. Pray also for his wife and children.
- **Dee** (Jean Lowrance's mother) needed a platelet transfusion yesterday since they had dipped low again. She will have some more infusions this week to further treat her condition. Pray that she would respond well to the treatments.
- **Evelyn Schouster** was sent to the ER because her feet were blue. She has been able to come home after some tests and they will continue to take care of the fluid buildup in her legs. Pray for some solutions for her.
- **Lincoln Morehead** fell from the top of their stairs yesterday morning. He has an incomplete fracture of the clavicle. Pray that his pain is manageable and that they would be able to keep him from using that arm as much as possible (he's 3 years old). Pray also that it would not worsen or require surgery to repair.
- **Joan Piccoli** had to return to the hospital on Monday with an infection and fever. She has been on an antibiotic. Please pray that the doctors would be able to diagnose her needs quickly.
- **Donald Hurley** has had some issues with either a bowel obstruction or paralytic ileus. They have been able to get him an appointment at Cleveland Clinic for this Friday. Pray that they would receive some answers.
- **Bea Moore** has been able to go home after an ER visit to take care of her fistula. She has been diagnosed with cancer on her liver and stomach wall. Pray that her fistula would close without surgery, that she would be protected from getting an infection, that the pain would subside so that she can rest and regain strength, and that the cancer would not spread while they wait on her treatment plan.
- **Bob Curry** had a hip replacement surgery that went well. Continue to pray that his recovery would be quick and that he would gain strength as well as pain relief from both this and the surgery on his lower back.
- **Elsie Belanger** is on hospice care and is declining, but they are able to keep her comfortable. Please continue to pray for her.
- **Henry Thimmes** has been able to return home. He still has difficulty with walking or standing for periods of time and is unable to help Barb. Continue to pray for wisdom for pain relief, healing, and that his strength would return.
- **Sue Lodico** was diagnosed with Mixed Cryoglobulinemia (abnormal proteins present in the blood) and will be treated with an infusion once a week for 4 weeks which started last week. After this they will re-evaluate to see if she needs more infusions. Pray that this treatment would be successful.
- **Krista Bonesteel** had another PET scan last Friday and will see her oncologist tomorrow, to determine what the next steps are in her treatment. Continue to pray for healing with the muscles in her back and hips.

- Pray for our Senior Saints: **Dale & Marilyn Hancock, Janet Ison, Carol Jenkins**
- Pray for our Young Adults: **Jason, Isaac, and Lilly Hamilton, Blake Hardrick**

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Office Staff & Custodians
Small Group Bible Studies

Abundant Life ABF – Gary McGuire, Teacher
Bereans ABF – Scott Lowrance, Teacher

Cinda Scully – Sunday School Superintendent
Nick Scully – Awana Commander

Chris Wallace – Deacon
Lee Widener – Deacon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE & CONNECTIONS

Coffee & Connections will be starting up THIS WEEK! We will meet every Friday at the church from 9:30 – 11:30 am and will be studying *God of Freedom* by Jen Wilken. There will be childcare for under six and classes for children six years and older. Please register online or on the Church Center app.

MISSIONARY REPORT

On Wednesday, February 15th Don & Karen Taber will be giving a report of their ministry to Hungary and Eastern Europe. Their presentation will be at 6:45 pm in the conference room.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Need a night out with no kids? Starting at 6:00pm on Friday, February 17th our Youth Group (and adult leaders) will be here to watch your kids until 8:30pm. Enjoy a few hours together while knowing your kids are having fun and staying safe. A gluten-free, dairy-free, nut-free snack will be provided, but please make sure your children have eaten dinner before arriving. Register your kids (or teen volunteers) online or on the Church Center app.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

On Sunday, February 19th, we will celebrate Communion immediately after our morning worship service. Please plan to fellowship with the church family as we reflect upon the love of Jesus.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

2/12 – LynnDee Thayer 2/15 – Dale Hancock, Nikki Widener
2/16 – Chelsea Cox, Larry Ivan, Sarah Oja
2/17 – Robin Brown