

Tidbits from the Hungary Wilsons

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FIRST FAMILY CHRISTMAS IN HUNGARY!

What differences do you think there are between celebrating Christmas in the U.S. vs. Hungary? Any guesses? Well, here are a few: In Hungary, as in most European countries, **Santa Claus comes on Dec. 6th**, not on the 24th. Also, instead of drinking hot chocolate, hot apple cider, or an eggnog latté, here people drink **hot red wine**, spiced with cloves, cinnamon sticks and sugar!

However, for us the biggest difference is that this year we get to celebrate Christmas with our precious **3-month-old daughter, Eszter**.

Looking back, this past year has been full of new beginnings for us. And somehow it seems appropriate that as we begin



this adventure of serving as missionaries in Hungary, we also begin the adventure of parenthood. Thank you for all your love, support, and encouragement for us as we embark on this journey.

Prayer & Praise

- ♦ **Praise:** For Eszter's birth on 9/26! Problem-free (and rapid!), little Eszter has been a tremendous joy for us
- ♦ **Praise:** For safety in travels, good health, and God's provision in our transition to life in Hungary
- ♦ **Prayer:** For the relationships that might develop out of the Christmas Eve Outreach

CHRISTMAS EVE OUTREACH

How do you lay the foundation for planting a new church in a neighborhood without many Christians? Well, that's something that we have been thinking and praying about. And one of the ideas that arose from that process is a kind of Christmas Eve outreach.

Working with another missionary family in the area, on the 23rd we are going to go Christmas caroling around the neighborhood where we live. It should be a good opportunity to **get to know more of our neighbors**, plus we are going to leave them a little bag of cookies with an

invitation to come to a **short, candlelight service** on the 24th.

At the candlelight service, we will simply read the Christmas story from Luke, sing a few Christmas songs, and then have a little time of fellowship over traditional Hungarian Christmas sweets!

Most of the people coming won't be Christians, so our goal is simply to create a warm environment where people can get to know each other and in some small way **connect Christmas with its spiritual roots**.

Our New Address!!

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