

Tidbits from the Hungary Wilsons

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LIFE, LOVE, AND THE PURSUIT OF HUNGARIAN

Two significant milestones occurred this past month. **Eszti's precious smile now includes two new teeth, and she said her first Hungarian word—"mamamama!"** Actually, it could also be English (*mama*), but since Hungarian contains a large number of rather lengthy words, perhaps she just *Hungarianized* it by adding a few syllables.

Daddy crossed a few significant milestones this past month too. Learning the Hungarian expression, "*Jaj, jaj, jaj,*" he had



several opportunities to practice using it while taking the official **Intermediate Level National Hungarian State Language Exam**. The good news, however, is that he passed; and now he only uses that expression while Mommy is driving.

The next big hurdle for Daddy will be passing the Advanced Level exam, which essentially would mean that he is fluent. The goal is to take a stab at it by October, but we'll see. Conventional wisdom over here is that Hungarian will be the language of heaven—since it takes an eternity to learn.

Mommy also passed some significant kilometer-stones herself. Most notably, she invented an avocado-pear purée, to which Eszti has greatly enjoyed using her two new teeth to sample the new tastes.

Finally, Mommy and Daddy were able to go out to a movie together (alone) for their first movie-date since Eszti was born! Daddy is shooting for the Advanced Level Date (roses and candlelight dinner) before Summer's end.

CHURCH FOR HUNGARIAN YUPPIES?!

One sign that you are about to embark on an extraordinary adventure might be when two strangers show up at your doorstep one morning, ask if you are a Christian, and then proceed to tell you that **they have been praying for a church to be started in your neighborhood for the past several years**. That kind of stuff just doesn't happen everyday.

This area, Tükörhegy, is a rapidly growing "suburb" of Budapest and is the location of choice for the newly emerging business-class in Hungary. There are many young families with small children, and from all external signs, it seems like **an ideal place to try and plant a church**. On top of that, we can freely use the ground-floor of a nearby building as a temporary event center/church building.

Therefore, we started praying together each week to inquire about what God might have us do in this community. As we continued to pray, **the possibility of planting a church continued to gain momentum**, culminating in a meeting earlier this month where 15 people gathered together to talk and pray about possibly being part of a church planting team!

Obviously, the whole idea of planting a church here is still in the initial phase, so only God knows what will come of it. But for now, we are excited about all the opportunities to invest in this community, make a difference in people's lives, and perhaps help pave the way for a future church here.

Prayer & Praise

- ♦ **Praise:** For the relationships that developed through our Christmas Caroling, especially those who might be part of a church planting team!
- ♦ **Prayer:** For the possible church plant in Tükörhegy; in particular the next steps
- ♦ **Prayer:** For a spirit of unity as we attempt to build bridges with the existing churches in the surrounding towns as well as search for areas of common interest where we can work together

Building relationships, striving for unity, and counseling the broken so that exciting, healthy, mature local churches can reach Hungarians with the hope of Christ



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THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- ♦ **Want to see more pictures of Eszter?** Go to our website where you can view our new updated photo gallery
- ♦ Receive **monthly updates** about our lives and ministry in Hungary by sending an email to the address above (*We value your privacy and will not give your address to anyone else. You can also request to stop receiving the updates at any time*)
- ♦ **Blogs are taking over the world!** Check ours out at HungaryWilsons.com and be sure to leave your comments!
- ♦ **John's 30th birthday is June 26th** and he is shamelessly requesting brownies and/or chocolate chip cookies!!

HOW TO AVOID BEDTIME AND NOT GET IN TROUBLE, AND OTHER TIPS FOR KIDS

Due to interest from our smaller readers (with big hearts!), we decided to devote part of our newsletter to things that they would be interested in. For example, what kids in Hungary are like, what they eat, what toys/games they enjoy, and other things from our lives that they might want to know about.



Dear Little Readers,

Hi! Do you like dessert? We sure do. **Would you like to taste a Hungarian dessert that kids your age really love over here?** Well then just ask your mommy or daddy to help you to get the ingredients, and you can help them make a delicious summer treat. You just need some cottage cheese, sour-cream, noodles, and sugar. It is really easy to make and very yummy!



Túrós tészta (Dessert Pasta)

Cook the noodles in lightly salted water, and drain thoroughly.

Stir in sour cream, cottage cheese and sugar. The amount to add of each depends on your taste, so feel to experiment and enjoy!

Also, before eating in Hungary everyone says, **"Jó étvágyat!"** If you can say it, or remember how to spell it the next time you see us, we will give you a surprise. ☺

FINANCIAL SUPPORT UPDATE:

We are proud to report that 100% of our monthly financial support needs are being covered each month!! **Thanks for making it possible for us to serve here in Hungary!!**

There are, however, two things we didn't adequately factor into our budget:



- ♦ John would like to take **two additional intensive language classes** this summer to prepare for the language exam in October. They aren't cheap (\$350 each), but are well worth the money
- ♦ \$1300 for a **new laptop & software**. John's laptop, having served a long and distinguished career, is now begging for retirement.

If you would like to contribute to either of these, please contact us or simply visit our website (HungaryWilsons.com) and go to the "Support" section.