

*Virag, James &
Sophie are
moving to Hungary!*



We want to take this opportunity to thank you, our church family at All Saints, for your support over the past few years and to let you know about our move to Hungary in March.

We've had the seed of an idea throughout the ten years we've been together visiting Hungary. After Luke's long illness and death, we felt called to use our experiences and our understanding of the good news of God's grace to share with Hungarians who might not otherwise hear the gospel, and build the Kingdom of God in this relatively traditional area.

James studied part time at Trinity College Bristol to increase his understanding of the Bible and has come away even more in awe of what a great God we have. We have been working through a comprehensive assessment period with Greater Europe Mission (gemission.org.uk) who will be a key part of our support in Hungary.

As you may know, Hungary is a small, relatively poor country and the region we're moving to is the poorest - there is a lot of need, and not many community organisations or charities like in the UK.

We would never have expected to be moving to the exact village where Virag grew up - Tiszadob - but that is what we're doing. It has a population of 3,000 and two churches which are attended by a handful of pensioners, with no outreach to the local population. We may also be working in nearby towns and cities, 15 and 45 minutes away.

We are currently developing a strategy for how best we can serve God in Hungary, including things such as parent & toddler groups, summer camps, a pay-as-you-feel cafe, teaching English and Alpha courses. We are building up our contacts in the country and have met several missionally active Christians. We will settle in to our new lifestyle and culture (which is very different) and work out the opportunities.

Virag feels particularly that this verse speaks into our situation: I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14).

We would really value your ongoing prayer support - as we move into the unknown future the Lord is calling us to, and are likely to face opposition, suspicion and crippling bureaucracy at times. Please can you commit to praying for us - we'll add you to our email newsletter - thank you.

Right now, we'd appreciate your prayer for a smooth move; to find the right work (paid and unpaid), and for James to rapidly increase his language ability. Please also pray for the appointment process with Greater Europe Mission and for the partners we will eventually need to fund our future ministry.

We intend to stay connected to ASW through our amazing homegroup, as well as visiting several times a year - we still see All Saints as our home church. And we hope to see some of you in Hungary in due course!

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