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MISSIONARIES IN ROMANIA



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THE LORD OF THE HARVEST

Prayer

- Continued grace in transition
- Perseverance in language learning
- Wisdom in decisions we have to make for the fall season

Praises

- God's faithfulness to impact hearts at Camp Falcon Rock these past few weeks
- For continued development of relationships
- The privilege to participate in the work of the Kingdom

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:6-7 (ESV)



Wow, what a privilege to write to you all and share about these past few weeks. This morning we attended church and it was Harvest Sunday, which meant that after the evening service we gathered together to share a meal and thank the Lord for the harvest. One of our local leaders from Szentkirály was able to go forward and speak about the harvest

of the camp season, and I would like to share some of that with all of you, too. We were so blessed to see glimpses of God's grace in the lives of the campers and to think about all that the Lord accomplished that we did not see: the seeds that He planted that will come forth at the right time to produce a harvest in the lives of those who openly





accepted His invitation to draw near and have ears to hear.



In our first week of camp, we had planned to do a carnival for one of our evening programs. Our plans were interrupted by an intense hailstorm, and all of the kids were stuck under the craft tent until the hail had let up. At the end of the week, we invited campers to share testimonies of what the Lord was doing in their hearts during the week. Several campers shared the impact of the hailstorm. One shared how it gave him a picture of God's mercy and protection. Another shared about how it spoke of the power of God. This was a powerful example of the Lord at work through His creation and His ability to grow knowledge of Himself in those who are seeking it. What we originally thought of as an interruption became one of the most impactful parts of the week for some of the campers.



Our theme this year was Hebrews 6:19, and we talked about Jesus being the firm and secure anchor for our souls. It was so lovely to see youth identify the broken anchors that they were holding onto in their lives and to ask the Lord to release them of



those anchors. They were also invited to think about what happens when we are drifting, and there was an invitation to those to return to the disciplines of the Christian life and the things that draw us near to God. Cabin time conversations were always a highlight as we witnessed the processing of the messages and heard good questions asked that made for meaningful and impactful conversation. I had my cabin draw a picture at the beginning of the week of where they were in life, and then at the end of the week they drew pictures of what the Lord had done in their lives during the week. One of my girls drew a big question mark at the beginning of the week, and by the end of the week she drew herself on a path to a cross with an anchor. What a powerful testimony of the Lord's ability to give us direction, purpose, and an invitation to take steps forward in our journey to anchoring ourselves in Him alone.





Jason enjoyed being a cabin leader for the first two weeks of camp, and then for youth camp he made an epic Escape Room engineered by himself and Tanya. He was also a highlight in the skit night, but I am sure he would rather not talk about it. I was able to be a program leader for the first two weeks and taught English classes, and then I had a chance to be a cabin leader for youth camp. Dani rocked her leadership role as co-leader of crafts under one of our local leaders from Szentkirály. Cristian, Olin, and Keli enjoyed either participating in the camp programs or helping Paul fill water balloons and prepare for games. There were so many great campers that loved on our kids throughout the three weeks of camp programs, and we are grateful for the way that God provided care in a busy season.

As we look ahead to August, we are thinking about school in the fall and continuing to get set up over here. The good news is that we received our visas last Friday! We are officially and legally allowed to stay in the country for the next five years. We are praising God for this provision. We had been waiting for our visas so that we would have the

appropriate ID numbers needed to register the kids for school. This means that this week we will try to contact the school and start the process and conversation of having the kids attend local school. We have also been in conversation with Elsie about homeschooling and curriculum, so we ordered what we needed for various scenarios. Whether we will be fully homeschooling or doing local school / a supplementary program, we are ready! We are also looking forward to spending some time with our neighbors before the school year begins. The kids missed them while we were away in July. Jason will begin some of his construction role up at the camp, and he hopes to join the youth hiking trip at the end of August, along with Dani.



Thank you so much for your prayers and encouragement. We feel so blessed by our friends and family and pray for you often.

We love you!

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