

Quarterly Update September 2025

Dear Friends,

Sorry for the long wait for an update. I will try to summarize what has transpired here over the last month or two.

We should find out this month if they will buy it or not. We decided to go ahead last month and find a house to rent here in Nagykanizsa. Along with that, I realized after talking with several schools here that Andrew would probably only be accepted at the school in the area of our house. There is extra effort, paperwork, etc., and I didn't sense that any of the other schools really wanted to do this. For a while, there was only one house for rent here that would have met our needs. Everything else was either in disrepair or very small. There are very few houses for rent in Hungary in general anyway. The one house that could have worked was in a part of the city where I had already spoken to the local school principal. He was pretty adamant that he didn't want a child with Down syndrome in his school. I knew if we ended up renting this house, Andrew's school situation could end up being a disaster.

Thankfully, another house went on the rental market a week before I was planning to start moving our things over here. I was the first person to look at it, and it is really beautiful. It has a backyard, too, and a terrace, which was something we really wanted. The school in this area was one that a therapist friend of ours had recommended to us, as it has smaller classes. I spoke with the principal and staff, and they were happy to have Andrew join their school. They have two 1st-grade classes, and Andrew's class has only 16 kids (instead of the usual 30), and they are very well-behaved. He will end up being with this same class and teachers through 4th grade. We are so thankful that the Lord provided a house for us and a school for Andrew here.

We were also able to meet with some of our old friends here in the city, both believers and unbelievers. This Sunday, we will begin meeting for Bible study in our home. We appreciate your prayers for this new endeavor. There are a lot of unknown things, but we can see God's hand in the steps we are taking. I am very thankful for that. One of my old, presumably unsaved, friends teaches at a music school in our area. He was interested in collaborating on music projects again in the future. It was also neat to be able to enroll Andrew in after-school music classes (solfege singing) at the same music school. They meet twice a week, and Andrew really enjoys it.

While I was moving our things to Nagykanizsa, Sarah and the kids spent several weeks in Wisconsin with her family. They had a great time, and Andrew was able to have some therapy appointments and see some specialists through Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. They have a dedicated Down Syndrome Clinic, and the personnel are used to working with children with special needs. We are very thankful for that opportunity. Andrew and Katie also got to attend Sunday school, which is something that we have missed for a long time. They really enjoyed it.

Another special opportunity came up recently, as I was selected to represent Europe on the Global Family Leadership Council with Special Olympics (SO). It is a three-year term, and involves advocating for the needs of families, advising on global SO projects and strategy, and helping support families of young people with special needs. They were interested in having a member of the council who has a sibling with special needs. Growing up with my brother David has given me a unique perspective on how family members relate to programs like Special Olympics and process mental disability. It is a tremendous opportunity not only to help people but to be a spiritual blessing as well. There is perhaps no clearer confrontation to the humanist system than lovingly raising a child with special needs, and these topics touch on all the basic elements of the Christian gospel and worldview. We appreciate your prayers for this very unique opportunity.

Sarah had a neat divine appointment this week with a mom at Katie's kindergarten. Melinda is a nominal Roman Catholic, and she has an adult brother with Down syndrome. Sarah was able to share the Gospel with her. She was very interested. We also had a couple of ladies from the Kingdom Hall visit us last week. One of them, Érzsébet, seemed particularly interested in Sarah's testimony. Sarah told her that if she was interested in learning more, she could come over by herself to our house sometime. Érzsébet will be coming to our home next Wednesday to meet one-on-one with Sarah. Please pray for this opportunity.

We appreciate your intercession on our behalf, Mike for the Fruehs

- 1) Fun with the cousins
- 3) Andrew in Grandma's Sunday school
- 5) Grandma Rains
- 7) Andrew and his cousin, Micaiah
- 9) Sleep study
- 11) Andrew's classroom
- 13) Backvard
- 15) Dinner with friends

- 2) Katie in MistyAnn's Sunday school class
- 4) Katie learned to ride a bike at Grandma's
- 6) Aunt Leah
- 8) Micaiah came to therapy with Andrew
- 10) Vision exam
- 12) Terrace
- 14) Re-assembling furniture





























