

Dear Friends,

We are in the middle of Christmas preparations, and also deep in the middle of COVID 3rd wave, but we experience a **more determined attitude to live a full life** - not controlled by the virus.

Last Sunday afternoon the church was packed with people, who wanted to see their KG and class 1 children perform the Christmas events. The church was crowded with angels and shepherds - and their parents... Remember: This time last year we were all locked in! Of course there is a hunger to celebrate now!



Hajnalka, Tibor, Timi, Rita and Rachel together with our new helpers: **Anna and Hajna** are busy rehearsing the programmes for different age groups. This coming week-end we will have **3 more Christmas-celebrations** - hopefully attracting hundreds of parents who are connected only through RE to us.

Hajnalka held a **bereavement group** last night (series of 6) and is leading her **Psycho-drama group** tonight.

Andras finished his biggest **Christianity explored** group ever - last week. The large number (22) is due to COVID hindrances of the past period, and maybe some fruit of the RE at schools.

Another **group called INTRO** will also be finished this week - this was a small friendly company.

Confirmation-class for adults have been started in November. 12 people decided to start this spiritual journey. The youngsters (15-16 yrs) also started their confirmation course - they will go through a longer process of more than a year. Last Sunday we blessed them together with their assigned mentors - it was an inspiring sight!



The family is well - Edua and Hunor are wrestling with their exams in Pecs and in Szeged. Hunor seems to enjoy his studies and fellowship. Edua is looking forward to finishing her university which she did not find pragmatic enough (and online teaching hadn't helped much...). She enjoys the practicals she is having at different hospitals.

Laci is preparing hard for secondary school entrance exams due in January.

Csenge is doing her best in chello and at school - she enjoys company in her class and at the church youth group (There is a bit of an overlap).

Hanna seems to be coping equally well at school, at piano lessons and at folk-dance class. She is competently using computers and mobile phones - and longs to have one, but we don't give her one yet...

Hajnalka and Andras was **nominated for an award** by a NGO: called Three Pince and three Princess Foundation which works for the well being of families and children to be born. It is an appreciation of our work in the field of fellowship building and family-helping work. We felt honored.

We give thanks for:

- not being struck heavily by COVID
- the blessings of online worship services, that attracted many new people
- being able to organise our camps in the summer
- the numerous small groups and courses which survived the online period and could re-start off-again
- our faithful staff and our indispensable elders volunteer workers
- our family - what a good bunch of crazy people!
- the big crowd of confirmation-group and their mentors



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Please pray for:

- the touch of the Holy Spirit at the Christmas services to affect RE parents
- our staff to have enough rest

We hope to find some rest amidst the haste of Christmas activities and relax before the new year comes with its challenges. We wish you to do the same! We think of you with much gratitude in our prayers, Love as ever: the Zambos

Andras, Hajnalka, Edua, Hunor, Csenge, Laci and Hanna

