



## Nov-Dec Update

We've had a very productive month, and now the real work begins. Nearly every day has been filled with meetings with other believers who are part of established ministries here, as we continue laying careful foundations for long-term ministry. At this stage, it is essential to listen, learn the culture, and establish trust. Ministry in this region is not built quickly, but patiently, and relationships are the doorway through which the gospel must pass.

In those meetings, I've been able to share our goals and our philosophy of ministry—one that prioritizes clear gospel presentation, biblical discipleship, and long-term faithfulness. Again and again, it has been affirmed that meaningful gospel work here requires relational investment. Without genuine relationships, people simply do not open their hearts. Rushed or overly public approaches often close doors rather than open them. This has only reinforced how the Lord used our years of ministry in Hungary to prepare us for this next stage of ministry.

As a team, we've also made strong progress on ministry resources. We completed two editions of *Reborn*, a 26-page evangelistic, conversation-style booklet through John 3. These two editions present the same biblical gospel message, carefully written for two different cultural contexts. We have also completed *Following Paul*, a 100-page study through the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul, highlighting the biblical pattern of team-based ministry and a clear, intentional 18-month plan for reaching a city. In addition, we are currently developing six new gospel tracts, each designed to encourage Christ-centered conversations and build relationships rather than replace them.

Along the way, we've walked hundreds of miles throughout the city as we learn it and begin to understand its heartbeat and rhythms—crowded bus rides, taxis, and scooters all part of everyday life here. We've shared many conversations over coffee and are beginning to be recognized by neighbors—small but meaningful steps toward lasting gospel access.

We were also able to secure a location to establish a ministry center. This property is not intended to be used only for Sunday and midweek services, as services alone would not achieve the goal of reaching people in the cultural context of the Balkans. Instead, the center will serve as a base for gospel work throughout the week. While we do plan for regular gatherings, the primary purpose of this space is outreach and discipleship—creating opportunities to meet people where they are. English conversation classes, practical skill workshops, small group Bible studies, and other outreach efforts will allow us to build relationships that naturally lead to gospel conversations.

Our goal remains the same as Jesus stated—to “seek and to save that which was lost.” Here, that work happens steadily, faithfully, and relationally over time.

Thank you for praying for us and for standing with us as we continue laying these foundations for ministry.

