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FIND YOUR STRIDE CAMPAIGN

Global Strategy is giving Church of God missionaries a chance to get new and increased giving *matched* during the week of Sept 10-16! This campaign first happened in September of 2020 and was a huge help to our budget.

This year, for any new or increased giving that we receive during the campaign, Sofie is going to share a video featuring one of her favorite places in Budapest! Thanks for praying for our whole team during this campaign, that everyone's budgets can be helped during this time!

For gifts to count for the match, they must be made online or via phone. Call 765.642.0256 or visit <https://chogglobal.org/team/dckihm/> and click the green Give Now button.

Team Staff meeting

This was our first staff meeting where the whole 3W team could be present since 2019! We met up in Prague, shared meals together, debriefed the past year, and strategized and planned for the coming year. Global Strategy Director Andrew Gale also joined our team meetings, shared about cultural intelligence, and gave a lot of attention to the kiddos. Our annual staff meeting is always one of our highlights of the year!

3WLN 4.0 "Re-emerge"

After 3WLN 4.0 was canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic, we all are beyond thrilled to be meeting up in Interlaken, Switzerland, October 31-Nov 4, this year! Finally! We have representatives from 12 different countries already registered to attend. This conference was started in 2015 to connect and encourage young leaders in the Church of God in Europe and the Middle East with seed money from the *Change the World* grant that our team applied for and won. We work hard to raise scholarships each time as well, and for the 4th installment we are still using a portion of that seed money! We have not two, not four, but 10 Hungarians planning to attend this year! Praise God! *Would you be willing to help provide a scholarship to allow them to attend?* Send us a message and visit this link: <https://chogglobal.org/3wln/>



Picture captions **Top:** Find Your Stride starts next week! **Top right:** Sofie and Lola draw portraits of Nathan Tatman during a staff meeting lunch break. **Middle:** We love our Three Worlds team! **Bottom:** Christy snapped a quick pic after church this Sunday of the Hungarians looking over the registration site to sign up to attend 3WLN!



UKRAINE & SUMMER UPDATE

Ukraine Border Crossings

Thanks to your generous donations to the Church of God Disaster Relief Fund, the Hungarian CHOG was able to purchase a transport van to allow us to make more trips into Ukraine with a greater hauling capacity than previously. Since we arrived back to the field March 9, Dan has crossed the border 23 times. Some of those trips have been with One Mission Society. Many have been with the Hungarian CHOG. 20,000 lbs of food, supplies, and donations have been delivered to our CHOG and 3WLN contact in western Ukraine. You can read this article, which provides more details about the supply chain process. <https://www.jesusisthesubject.org/even-as-disaster-fatigue-sets-in-partnerships-sustain-relief-in-ukraine/>

As we have now entered the seventh month of the war, in addition to the supplies, we are finding that the fellowship and encouragement that each trip brings is also vitally important to our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. We plan to take more individuals from the Hungarian CHOG along on these trips in the coming weeks.

In August, during a trip to visit our friends in Ukraine, our 3W teammate Patrick Nachtigall was able to come along! We also were able to bring Alina and a random Ukrainian at the border crossing, to Budapest! Alina visited the Hungarian CHOG and then also visited her friend who had fled with them at the start of the war. This was an important time of connection and rest for her and also was so encouraging for all of us to see her and get some time with her!

Christy to Germany

In May, Christy traveled to Germany with Masha and Alina to visit Ukrainian refugees, help the girls visit Fritzlar Bible College, and help the Philips host an Anderson University Tri-S group at Pink Door Country. Our Global Strategy Disaster Relief Specialist, Michaela McCurdy, co-led that group. After the group returned to the US, Michaela and Christy drove to several different sites throughout Germany to visit our Ukrainian brothers and sisters who have fled to Germany, to learn about the work that the German Church of God and Kinderhilfswerk are doing to assist them and to just share our love and support. It was a full and wonderful two weeks. We appreciate the German CHOG so much and are grateful for their partnership and friendships!



Captions: Top: Patrick Nachtigall, Dan, Andras and Pastor Peti pray over Alina on behalf of all the Ukrainian ChoG as she got to visit Budapest briefly. **Top left:** Christy and Michaela with Pastor Stepan and his wife Luda and his father Pastor Vasily. Stepan and Luda's two boys and Pastor Walentin and Irma Schulle, and in the back row Masha, Alina and Stepan's sister during our visit to the Church of God in Calw, Germany, where most of the ChoG Ukrainians have relocated. **Top right:** Ukrainian/German language book. **Middle left:** Michaela and I sit in with Masha and Alina during a German lesson with Ukrainian refugees at the Fritzlar ChoG. **Middle right:** German, Dutch, and Ukrainian flag display at the German BUKO in Holland. **Bottom left:** Pastors Richard and Metta Baumgartner help translate German paperwork into Russian for Masha and Alina when we visited Haiterbach with Michaela. **Bottom right:** It was wonderful to spend time with the Baumgartners and the Haiterbach CHOG!

Bulgarians assist Ukrainians

Dan made a trip to Bulgaria the first week of May to learn more about what Kenneth and Svetlana Morikang and the Agape Faith United ministry are doing to assist Ukrainian refugees who have fled to Bulgaria. They are doing a fantastic job assisting in the learning of the Bulgarian language, giving supplies and aid to new refugees, and caring for them. Please keep the Agape students, the Morikangs, and the Bulgarian ChoG in your prayers as they strive to serve others.



Left: Dan, Kenneth and Svetlana meet up for dinner. **Right:** Dan and Svetlana purchase hygiene and other supplies for Ukrainians.

Return trip to the Netherlands!!!

The Netherlands and Germany connection

When we first moved from the Netherlands to Hungary in 2019, we had planned to visit every 6-9 months. But then the Covid pandemic started and we were unable to travel or cross borders. So we were ecstatic when we heard that the annual German CHOG conference (BUKO) would be held in De Betteld, Netherlands, this June and the Germans invited us to attend! Kinderhilfswerk paid for 140 Ukrainians now in Germany to attend this event!

The BUKO had to be canceled in the past couple years due to the pandemic, so everyone was very appreciative of being able to be together in person again. When we were living in the Netherlands, the conference was at this exact location seven years ago! It was fun to be back at this Christian family campground and also to see a delegation of the Dutch CHOG represented. Pastor Adriaan and Roelof Braad, along with several from the Brunssum Church of God, were in attendance. Our friends Markus and Susi Supheert helped lead worship one evening with Danilo Killisch, and a message was given by Sanna Klinner from the Duisburg Church of God.

Coffee at Brunssum

We were thrilled to see so many of our dear friends in The Netherlands on this visit. Having a weekly set time of coffee, tea and fellowship has been a great way for the church to come together mid-week. We briefly popped in on the coffee time at the Brunssum ChoG after lunch with Pastor Adriaan and Karin and it was so fun to see everyone.

Baumgartners in Budapest

Richard and Metta Baumgartner were the German missionaries to Bulgaria before Dave and Kathy Simpson went. They continue to make annual trips there. It is so fun to be with them any chance we get and to share about what God is doing where each of us are and also in Bulgaria! Stefan and his wife Rosa are doing their internship at the Haiterbach Church of God with Richard, and they are from Bulgaria! He's a dynamic preacher and they are just a joyful couple!



Captions: Clockwise from top: It was great to see so many dear faces in attendance at the German Church of God BUKO. We brought greetings from our team and shared about the work in Hungary and Ukraine. Lunch with Pastor Adriaan and his wife Karin! Worship with Sanna, Markus, Susi and Danilo. Outdoor coffee and tea in Brunssum, the Netherlands. We were thrilled that the Baumgartners and Stefan and Rosa stopped on their way through to the Bulgarian camp this summer!



Sofie's Space

Well it finally happened. Sofie got her very own dog! Meet Lucky! He is sweet, 10 months old, fairly quiet and has the softest coat! During all of our travels this summer, he had a sleepover week at Honey's house, stayed at a doggy summer camp, and also had a doggy-sitter a couple times. Sofie is working on teaching him tricks.

Sofie just started 5th grade at the International Christian School of Budapest this week and celebrated her 10th birthday in July. She wanted Christy to make a pandacorn cake. After some Google research to learn what that was, you can see the result in the picture. We are so proud of how she navigates all of these different environments, languages, and cultures so well. She had a blast being with our 3W family for staff meeting and hanging with the Tatman girls and Lola and Leo!

Left top: Prague carriage ride with Lola and Leo courtesy of Mr. Andrew!
Left bottom: Lola and Sofie doing some dramatic street performance in Prague.
Right: Meet Lucky. A 10 month-old red retriever mix who enjoys long walks in the field and could eat us out of house & home. **Bottom right:** Pandacorn cake!

