The Riddick Recap

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is *love*" (1 Corinthians 13:13)

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Dear friends and family,

I hope this newsletter finds you well! I am excited to update you on the ways God is moving here in Budapest!

Ministry Update

A couple of weeks ago we had a team of university girls in The Navigators ministry come from The Netherlands to Budapest to serve with our ministry. This was such a sweet blessing to have them with us and with the high school students. Since they are also European students, they are used to constantly being around non-believers in their community. One of my highlights of their week with us was when two of them joined me in my coffee meeting with Kira. I asked them to share their stories with her. and Kira shared deeply about hers as well. Even though Kira isn't a christian, I can see her heart softening to the Lord. The Dutch girls encouraged and affirmed me and my relationship with Kira and told me that they could see how much she trusts me and that we have built a strong relationship.

Another highlight was a brunch that we hosted for new freshman girls we have connected with this semester. They have a lot of fun energy and it was great to get on another level of relationship building with them.

In this season I have been thinking a lot about Jesus' commandment to love. What does it look like to tangibly love others? God has been showing me that love and service go hand-in-hand. Whether it's opening up my home on a night I wasn't expecting or waiting those extra ten awkward seconds after asking a deep question, it is so important to be able to serve in many ways, and out of that, love comes.

We also got to receive our new, long-term teammates Jack and Brittany Williamson and their baby girl Juniper! My heart is so full to have this new family join us, especially because they were staff members at my university when I was a student in Boulder!

Personal Update

There is much more happy weather and I am really loving Budapest in the spring! I have been able to get a good amount of time outside and that has been really healthy for me. I have gotten a better handle on my medical needs, so thank you for your prayers for this! I am really excited about the coming months with our summer camps. There are a lot of exciting things happening now with the momentum with new students that we got from the Dutch team, and I am really looking forward to these next years with this ministry!

Praises

- New relationships building and trust blossoming
- Feeling like I am beginning to enjoy life in Hungary
- Getting doctors appointments and prescriptions settled

Prayer requests

- Continue to pray for the hearts of the high schoolers we are engaging with
- The main girls that I meet with and their journeys with God: Emma, Bogi, Kira, Viola, and Hanga
- Summer camps (starting in June!)

Please let me know how I can be praying for you!

Áldás! Sarah Jane