



Here we are with Teri & Antal at a wedding last October

Please Pray for Teri



Dear friends,

We write today asking for prayers for a very special lady in the community Larry serves in Serbia.

Teréz (Teresa) lost her husband Antal (Anthony) two weeks ago today. If you've followed our stories very long, you've heard of Teri. She's the one who cleaned Larry's boots the first time he cut trees in her yard for firewood...

It was a cold, rainy day in February, and Larry had already been working for several hours. He got word that an older couple was in need of firewood, and they asked him to come and look at the trees in their yard. Larry said the trees were on a slope, slick with mud, and he was afraid he'd lose his footing as he chain sawed. He said no. He told me this lady looked in his eyes, and with praying hands pleaded with two English words she knew, "Please, brother. Please." The translator said they were cold, and Larry's big heart conceded.

After getting the trees down, Teri insisted that Larry come in for lunch. With more work in mind and covered in mud--and more than a little fed up with it all--he tried to explain that, to come in, he'd have to remove his boots and coveralls and didn't really want to! Again, Teri wouldn't take no for an answer. She had prepared a huge meal, homemade and home grown. It was so much and delicious, and after the meal Larry was itching to leave but she insisted that he wait as she found containers for leftovers to send with him. When she finally returned and he was free to go, he realized she had been outside cleaning his boots. He said it killed him. All he could think about in his work-driven heart was getting on to the next thing; the Holy Spirit showed his love through Teri's humble gesture of thanks.

Since then, we have gotten to know Teri and Anti. They are faithful members of the church Larry partners with in Serbia, attending every meeting and helping when they can. Every time Larry visits, she sends with him homemade biscuits, pogacsa, one of my favorite Hungarian foods, and beautiful beaded bracelets and trinkets she makes for each of Larry's girls, including me! She is one of the kindest hearts I know, and she sends me messages and even calls me from time to time to talk, nice and slow so I can understand! This winter has been hard on Anti, and his heart was weak. At 4p.m. on Friday, May 22, Anti went to be with Jesus.

Please join us in praying for Teri. She called me today; she is sad and lonely. Thankfully, the corona virus hasn't been bad in their rural area, and they have been able to do shopping and even go to church for about two weeks now, with masks on, of course. Though she has lost her life partner, she knows that God is good, and he knows best. She is happy that Anti is resting with the Lord.

To send your condolences to Teri, reply to this email, and we will share your messages with her. I know she'll be very touched.

Thanks again, Larry and Becky

If you would like to send an email message to Teri, please email the church office at cbc1890office@gmail.com. We will forward your message to Becky & Larry, if you do not already have her email address. Thank you!