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WHAT A YEAR IT'S BEEN!

In many ways, it's difficult to believe that it's been one year since we returned back to Budapest after our home assignment! It's also a brutal reality that it's been a year of war for our Ukrainian neighbors. This past year has been unlike any other in our years of ministry, so we thought it would be interesting to list some facts about what this year has looked like!

27-number of overnight guests we've had in our home this year

7- number of nationalities represented by those guests

40+- number of Ukraine/ Hungary border crossings Dan has made this year with OMS and Hungarian CHOG partners

36,000- number of kilograms (40 tons) of supplies and aid delivered via the Hungarian CHOG van (*approximate*)

3-number of months we filled in as youth leaders for the Hungarian CHOG youth group

58-number of delegates attending 3WLN from 11 different countries in Europe and the Middle East



Dan led a time of prayer at 3WLN for Ukraine with anyone in attendance who helped with Ukraine aid work this year.



Picture captions **Top:** Masha and Alina lived with us for 3 months and came to visit over the New Year! They are part of our family now. **Top right:** Items the Hungarian CHOG deliver into Ukraine are taken to the front by Ukrainian pastors. This picture shows items being delivered by boat after a vital bridge was bombed. **Middle top:** Dan helped OMS deliver aid packages across the border with the Hungarian branch of the Knights of Malta. **Middle Bottom:** Power outages nation-wide affect our Ukrainian contacts even though they are in the west. **Bottom:** Our dear friends stayed with us for 10 days before



Around the Europe/Middle East Region

3WLN 4.1 "Re-emerge"

When our team started 3WLN in 2015 with seed money from the *Change the World* grant, we dreamed of helping young and emerging leaders in EME connect and learn from each other. In this fourth iteration of the event that has grown to become a living dynamic network in the region, we were reminded of what a gift it is to be together. When the war in Ukraine broke out, plans were quickly put in place to aid and assist with Disaster Relief funds, in large part due to the 3WLN network. It was because of the network that relationships had been built to remind our Ukrainian brothers and sisters that they were not and are not alone during times of crisis. At 3WLN 4.1 this past October/November, we as regional delegates, the 3W team, and guests from North America unpacked some of the trauma that the EME and global churches have experienced the past 2 years during the pandemic. We processed through the loss, change, and trials. And then we dreamed and planned together about what the coming months and years could hold for their ministries and the churches in our region. This time together is always a highlight of the year for our team and those that can attend. We are so grateful for all of you who support this opportunity through prayer and your financial gifts!

The former regional coordinators (the Nachtigalls) prayed over the new regional coordinators (the Tatmans) as well as over our region.



Top: Group picture from 3WLN 4.1 in Switzerland in October. **Middle left:** Small groups prayed together and released burdens. **Middle right:** Pastor Samir from AtHome in Paris and 3WLN regional leader spoke about continuing ministry during times of crisis. **Bottom:** We took time to thank those that have attended since 2015 and those in absentia.

Sofie's Space

Sofie has been a trooper with all of the guests and changes in routine this year! Like her parents, she really does love hosting people and playing games around the dinner table. She's doing a great job in 5th grade and is excited to visit family and friends in America this summer when we attend the CHOG convention in Tampa.

This year she also did a podcast interview for *A World of Good* and helped host an video episode of *Good News Global* during Global Strategy's *Find Your Stride* campaign in the fall. Here are links to those two episodes. There are fascinating parts and also very challenging parts to being a third culture kid (TCK) and a missionary kid (MK). We encourage you to listen to and watch those interviews to get a glimpse into her world!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mw7NzgimrpE>
<https://choglobal.org/podcast/s6e7/>



Left top: Judy Lighty and Kayla Tatman crafting with Lola and Sofie during 3WLN.

Left bottom: Some cars in Europe are really tiny! **Right:** Temporary face tattoo fun. The Zoo Cafe in Budapest lets you hold amazing animals like snakes, lizards, bunnies, and chameleons!

