

# 18.26 Network

## Turning Your Vocation into Mission

Connecting, Coaching, Caring

Newsletter – Vol II

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Happy New Year! As we begin 2019, there is a lot of excitement among our vocational missionaries as they further Kingdom work through their vocations. Also new funding allowed us to hire a couple of independent contractors to help us communicate our story more effectively through social media. We look forward to see what our great God will do through our vocational missionaries this year!

- [Number of people on the field who have connected with the 18.26 Network](#) – 10
- [Number of people who have applied but are not on the field](#) – 12
- [Number of people who have contacted us with interest in serving](#) - 33

### Praise

1. Support and encouragement from MTW, churches and individuals.
2. Teams and vocational missionaries working well together to advance Kingdom work.
3. Emily's outstanding defense of her dissertation.

### Prayer Requests

1. We have several people interested in serving with teams who need jobs. Pray for them as they seek the jobs that God has for them.
2. Our vocational missionaries on the field and the others who hopefully will go in the next 6 months.
3. Our team as we talk to people who want to go and care for those going or who are on the field.

### Highlighting One of our Vocational Missionaries

**Karina was our very first vocational missionary!** She lives and works in Budapest, Hungary. We asked her to share about her life and ministry there.



1. *Tell us a little bit about your journey that brought you to minister vocationally in Budapest.* I decided to move to Budapest, Hungary to be closer to my grandparents. I was hoping to work in a larger city for a number of years and I'm a dual citizen of Hungary and the US, so when I was laid off from my job in the US, it offered me the perfect opportunity to see what life in Hungary would be like! I'm currently working as an administrator of an international K-12 school.

2. *What has been your biggest challenge working vocationally there?* My biggest challenge has been understanding Hungarian culture. I assumed that I already knew all there was to know about Hungarian culture since my parents are Hungarian. But since I've been living here, I've learned a great deal more about the culture, such as the pervasiveness of cynicism. But that is all the more reason to bring the hope of the gospel! The majority of my coworkers are American, so thankfully much of the tension has been living in Hungary instead of from work itself.

3. *What has been your most difficult cross-cultural experience?* I am near fluent in Hungarian but I still speak with an American accent, so I have been frustrated when people automatically switch to English when I speak to them first in Hungarian. But it's just motivation to improve my Hungarian!

4. *What has been your most rewarding experience since moving to Hungary?* My most rewarding experiences have been when I am able to share why I've moved to Hungary. Many people don't understand why I would leave the comfort (and income I had) in the US to move here, but that conversation opens up the avenue to talk about my faith and hope of ministering to the Hungarian people. I am also grateful to be closer to my grandparents and minister to them, a reality I did not have while growing up in the US.

Pray for Michael Flayhart going to Japan and his support needs. [japan.michaelflayhart.com](http://japan.michaelflayhart.com)

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For His Glory!

### Conferences

Grace Presbyterian Church, Missions Conference, Peoria, IL  
March 23-26. <https://www.gracepres.org/>

West Coast Witness 2019, Roseville, CA  
April 26-27 <https://www.mtw.org/witness>

General Assembly, Dallas, TX, June 24 – 28  
<https://www.pcaac.org/general-assembly/>

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