

PROFILE



BRIAN JOHNSTON ROMANIA

Presbyterians Sharing supports Brian Johnston, an English and music teacher at the Theological Seminary of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Cluj, Romania.

Brian teaches English to first and second year Reformed and Lutheran students, with an emphasis on theological language. Small class sizes allow students to participate in oral exercises, written compositions and grammatical exercises, allowing Brian to tailor lessons to individual needs. Besides his work at the seminary, Brian teaches Hungarian and Roma children English and music in various parts of the country.

In his capacity as music teacher, Brian established and directs a choir composed of seminary students that has travelled extensively throughout Romania, and has appeared at the Hungarian Opera House in Cluj. Two visits to Canada served to strengthen the connection between The Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Hungarian Church in Romania. Brian also organizes concerts involving conservatory students, professional singers and his four part male choir. These events have generated considerable enthusiasm in both the Romanian and Hungarian cultural communities.

In Canada, Brian taught elementary school and worked as a church organist. In 1982 he studied in Kecskemet, Hungary, and developed a close connection with the Hungarian people. Brian started his work at the seminary in 1993.

As part of his mission in Romania Brian has become an active photographer and encourages students to use this media. Some of Brian's photos can be viewed online at www.brianjohnston.go.ro

