

## **Rev. Tamas Tolfavi**



Tamás grew up in Sovato a town of 10,000 about an hour from the village. It is a region previously known for its salt mining operation. His parents still live in his home town. He has one older sister who has 3 children.

He went to college in Szekely Udvarhely, a town of 35,000 which is 20 minutes from the village. He went to theological school in Kolocscvar where the Unitarian Church of Transylvania is headquartered.

He spent 3 years as the “second minister” back in Udvarhely and one year as a youth minister before being assigned to Szentmihaly.

As a village minister, he has a variety of responsibilities for the community, buildings, finances and forest lands that the church owns. This past week, he underwent a biannual inspection from the church Deans in which all aspects of his work were reviewed during an 8 hour meeting.

In his 2 ½ years in the village, there has been a revitalization of the community with many social activities within the church and with neighboring towns. We are lucky to have him as our partner minister.

When asked what drew him to the ministry, he simply said that he’d felt a lifelong calling to do this work.

## **Kinga and Fanni**



Kinga grew up in town also called Szentmihaly (but in a different region) about an hour from Szekelyszentmihaly, where her parents still live. She has a sister who has 2 children and a younger brother who lives in Switzerland.

She studied Romanian Language and Literature and English Language and literature in college and says she has always known she wanted to be a teacher. She is currently on a 2 year leave of absence from teaching which allows her to look after their daughter Fanni, who was born in September. (1 to 2 yr leaves for childbirth are standard in Romania).

Prior to meeting Tamás , Kinga took a 1 year leave from teaching to work as an au pair in Birmingham England.