

Hope in Hungary

Serving Christ and sharing hope

Blurbs from MCN mission partner, Melissa Karges, in Bonyhád
March 2017



Email

melissa.karges@missionofchrist.org

Blog

magyarmoments.blogspot.com

THE HAPPENINGS

Missionary Gathering in Sopron

We know the importance of coming together with fellow believers around God's word, through prayer, and in worship. That was a significant focus for our Mission of Christ missionary retreat during the first weekend of February. It is rare to have such times of group encouragement, and it is always most welcome. A special thanks from us to those who've made donations to our ministries that make such gatherings possible!

Trip to Brussels

During mid-February I traveled with 16 students and one other chaperone to Brussels, Belgium for a school exchange program. This was my first time accompanying students abroad, and it was a wonderful experience! *Read more about it below and also on my [blog!](#)*

Heading to Ukraine

In the middle of March, I will be making my first visit to the Ukraine as I have a friend living in Kiev. She has been having a difficult time coping with her work and move to Ukraine, and I hope that my visit will provide her with some encouragement. For years she and I have been talking about God, and listening to her struggles, I know this is the only thing that will bring her peace. I ask you to pray for her before my visit so that perhaps her heart will finally be ready to make Jesus her Lord and Savior.

Additional Updates

It seems likely that sometime in March my dorm group will finally be returning to their former leader, although this continues to remain unclear. Also, some of you know this summer I had an MRI revealing a partially torn rotator cuff. This has recently been causing a lot of pain, and I am trying to see what can be done about it. Please keep both of these things in your prayers this month!

Conversations about my future continue. Please keep praying for the Lord to clear the way so that I may be used for His good in the next school year. **Thank you** for all of your support!

Interested in Supporting MCN?

Tax deductible gifts can be made online, [Click here](#), or to:

*Mission of Christ Network
P.O. Box 533
Concordia, MO 64020*

Story Corner

The trip to Brussels provided a lot of time for unique conversations that don't typically take place in the school setting. Getting to have so much of this time with so many different students, both from Bonyhád and Brussels, was a tremendous blessing as it opened my heart up to them and allowed the love of Christ to pour out to them.

We had been having a lot of meaningful conversations, and one day while we were traveling by train, the discussion turned to Jesus and questions of religion. It may have been the first time where it was directly revealed to both groups of students just "how religious" I am. A few of them stated that while they had been baptized into a particular denomination, they had no idea what it meant to be a part of that faith. So the talk continued on.

Afterwards, I was very excited to have had a religious discussion with this group of students; however, it later occurred to me that it wasn't necessarily this conversation that was the most important, but the things I said and did after it. It was on that train that it became clear that I claim to be a believer in Christ Jesus and all he said and did. That now made every moment of my time with these kids a witness to that; these moments are the ones that make these relationships so important. May the Lord continue to work in these individuals that they, too, may come to a saving faith and know the joy of life in Christ!



Two of the students from my dorm group were also on the trip to Belgium, which provided some additional bonding for us, for instance, sitting next to both of them on their first plane ride. We opted to take a "group photo" in Blankenberge at the North Sea, another rare moment has Hungary is a country without any coastline.

MARCH PRAYER CORNER

Week 1:

- My future and those of other missionaries thinking about the next year.
- Holy Spirit's continued working in the hearts and minds of so many I've drawn close to.

Week 2:

- Safe travels to and from Ukraine; for my time with my friend there, that her heart may be ready for Christ to come in.

Week 3:

- New missionaries to be raised up and sent out through Mission of Christ Network.

Week 4:

- God's work through His faithful followers in Hungary to reach those who still do not personally know Christ.