

Hope in Hungary

Serving Christ and sharing hope

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

October brought a lot of opportunities for talking with a variety of people and sharing about my work in Hungary. It included talking to Concordia University students in Vienna, high school students from Brussels, and individuals from my own school for Reformation Day.

A Day in Vienna

I was there talking to CUI students about life as a missionary in Hungary and working for MCN. Listening to and sharing with excited, missions-minded young people from my alma mater was both encouraging and refreshing. To see God at work through them is a blessing!

The Most Popular Kid at Camp

Who knew it just might be me? With more than 9 nationalities represented at our Biology Camp, English was the common language, and that made me the chief communicator. I loved getting to know these kids, encouraging them, hanging out, and even praying over pizza. It seems all the time I spent talking to these kids made me quite popular. In February, we will travel to Brussels to visit them, and I am already looking forward to reconnecting.

Changes in November

The first week of November starts with autumn break, but once we return, I am taking over one of the groups of students in the dormitory for about 8 weeks while their normal leader has an operation. I am a bit nervous as this is a large responsibility and unlike any I have undertaken before. I have, however, met all of the students, and this 11th/12th grade combination of kids seem like a good bunch. I hope the time we're together we let me show love to this group in a new way and have some good conversations with them in the

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Story Corner

“Why did you come to Hungary? Most people leave here to go to America, but you did the opposite.” This is a conversation I’ve had on countless occasions, and it’s not always easy to explain to the listener. So when I was given free reign to choose a topic to present at our school’s Reformation Day celebration, I decided to approach this question by discussing my motivation for leaving comforts of the U.S. also allowing me to proclaim the gospel of Christ and its significance for our life and death.

At the end of the final presentation, I opened the floor for comments and questions. A hand went up and a student said, “I don’t believe in God, and I never knew why people wanted to talk about it with me. But now I think I understand; because they love me.” I was blown away. This individual didn’t suddenly convert after listening to me, it seemed Christians could now be viewed in a different way. If the people carrying the message of Christ can be seen more positively, perhaps one day Christ can be too.

Moments like these allow for Christ to be shared in a new way, it can continue to build up foundations of faith for people. I can only hope that the Holy Spirit will continue his work!



Left: With some of the CUI team in Vienna.
Right: Hiking with students during the Biology Camp.

NOVEMBER PRAYER CORNER

Week 1:

- Safety for everyone traveling over fall break and for remembering the lives of the saints who left us this year.
- The Holy Spirit to work in those who listened to my presentation.

Week 2:

- My taking over of the dorm group (starting November 7)

Week 3:

- Mission Partner meeting with Lutheran church office in Budapest

Week 4:

- More missionaries to be raised up to serve in Hungary in the next year
- Abounding opportunities to share faith during the Thanksgiving and Advent seasons