

Hope in Hungary

Serving Christ and sharing hope

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

The last month seems to have gone on forever with the amount of stuff that has been packed into it. It feels like I've been back in Hungary for far longer than just a month. It has taken some time to adjust to my new role in the dormitory, but up so far it appears to be a positive change as I'm liking it and it has allowed me to interact with a lot of new students.

Forming Relationships

A few days into the school year, I was presented with the opportunity to travel with students to Italy and Austria for a short weekend trip. As I'm not one to turn down travel, I went along, resulting in some good time spent with former students and now meeting new ones with whom I now interact almost daily. I'm thankful for the positive atmosphere that has resulted. I also had a group of new 9th graders over for tea and cookies; I think they are now my biggest fans. Many of them have started coming to an evening "tutoring" lesson for English. While their English is rather sparse, God can certainly work despite any linguistic challenges. It is always the hope with each new relationship that there will be a chance to share the hope of the Gospel.

Upcoming in October

At the end of the month, I will be giving a presentation about a topic of my choosing at the school's Reformation Day program. While I don't have it planned yet, I am sure that Jesus will be the focus somehow. Additionally, I will be helping with an exchange program for students from Brussels spending a week in Hungary. Pray for positive interactions and good conversations to come from both of these events!

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You can also read about me on the MCN website:

<https://missionofchrist.org/melissa-karges/>

Story Corner

After the confusion of my job changing, a large degree of clarity has followed. What is my purpose here? To share the hope we have that is life in Christ Jesus. Over the years, I have not yet ceased being amazed at how freely these opportunities come when they are our focus. During September, I got to see God opening up doors for several conversations with different individuals about faith in Him.

Recently one evening, I had gone up to my apartment to prepare for some kids who were supposed to be coming over for cupcakes. On the way, I paused to talk with a boy sitting on the couch outside my front door. He sits there often, and this was but one of many interactions over the years. What started as small talk resulted in him asking me, “are you really so religious?” Well...yes. So began our discussion.

He said he believed in God, but when we got to Jesus things were a bit more fuzzy. That’s where I had the chance to talk about Jesus as savior. I mentioned 1 John, saying that love the way I do because God loved me first through sending His son to save me through His death and resurrection. In the time it took for our conversation to take place, no one interrupted us. Godincidence? I like to think so. While I certainly fumbled my way through at times, I know God can work in spite of me.



Left: Hanging out in Venice with some very sweet girls.
Right: Some of the 9th graders who invaded my apartment.

OCTOBER PRAYER CORNER

Week 1:

- More opportunities to discuss the Gospel in depth with people I know well.
- The heart of the boy I got to share with (see above).

Week 2:

- More missionaries to be raised up to serve in Hungary in the next year.

Week 3:

- My interactions with students from Brussels and Bonyhád and Jesus to be shared with those who need to hear the news.

Week 4:

- My presentation Reformation Day presentation to have an impact for the kingdom of God.