

# Hope in Hungary

*Serving Christ and sharing hope*

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## THE HAPPENINGS

God is faithful. In the moments we wonder what is going on or why, He often provides reassurance to let us know He is both at our side and going before us, making a way and asking us to follow in faith. This message is one that has been impressed on me this May.

### A Final Devotion

Five years ago I gave my first devotion in front of Hungarian students in Sopron with the help of a translator; now, with just one month left before I leave, it seemed appropriate to give my last devotion on my own in Hungarian. The style of delivery changes a lot from English to Hungarian, but more than anything, I hoped everything was understandable and the message of Jesus clear. One Hungarian-only speaking colleague told me it had been exactly what her soul needed. Giving something valuable to at least one person was enough.

### Where to?

I have often heard in one's life in ministry, God makes it clear when the time comes to move on. In recent discussions with the administration of my school, it only further emphasized the decision to leave Hungary has been the right one. *So what now?* I will be returning to northern Nevada to the town where I grew up. While this was far from my original plan, everything seems to have fallen in place for this situation. Such instances are when we must trust God has plans we do not yet know. I have 3 schools which have agreed to host me for completing my school counseling practicum. I look forward to spending time with many of you from the area, and I still hope to visit the many of you who do not!

## JUNE PRAYER CORNER

### Week 1:

-My former student as she is brought into the family of Christ through water & word this week. May the Holy Spirit keep her strong in faith!

### Week 2:

-My friend's marriage. For Christian marriage to be an example in Hungary and the world.

### Week 3:

-Safe travels for my dad, brother, and I from Germany back to Hungary (to help me move).  
-Christians in Hungary to be faithful to Christ and bold in proclaiming Him to others!

### Week 4:

-My transition to the USA: peace in letting go and readjusting to a new way of life. Listening for the new opportunities to share His love!

### Story Corner

We each have our routines of where we go, where we shop, where we eat; and we might get to know the people who work at these various establishments. One such service for me has been going to the seamstress. This woman amazed me with how well she remembered me and everything about me, even with months between visits to see her. This characteristic of hers always made me like her, and I often felt this was special about her. On a recent visit there, I found out just what that special thing is: she is a Jesus follower. As this is a rare find, we began excitedly talking to one another about Christ and life in the church, both in Hungary and America.

I was a bit disappointed to find this out now that I'm leaving was puzzled as to why God would want this revealed now after all these years....

A week later, I was at a large Christian concert event in Budapest. It was my first time at any kind of event like this (in any country), and thinking everyone else around me believed in Christ, especially in a country where living faith is lacking, was overwhelming.

Both of these instances have been answers to my prayer of helping to let go. They were physical reminders that there will be faithful Christians here after I leave, and they are the ones tasked with proclaiming the gospel to friends and neighbors here. This call remains true for me as well, only now, to elsewhere.

It has often made me sad to think of all the unbelievers I am leaving behind, wondering when and if we will meet again; this is another reason I am thankful for these two encounters this month. It provided a source of joy knowing there are so many whom I am sure to meet again among the saints in heaven! I am waiting for the day we will praise our Lord together in every language; how beautiful it will be!

*Picture:* At the concert in the Budapest arena, surrounded by believers, looking at thousands of phones alight.

### Upcoming Events

*June 4:* Baptism of former student in Sopron  
*June 10:* Best friend's wedding in Sopron  
*June 12:* Going away BBQ with some colleagues from Bonyhád  
*June 15:* End of teaching year  
*June 19:* Fly to Germany to meet my dad and brother as they come help me move  
*June 30:* End of year meeting for school  
*July 5:* Fly from Budapest to Reno  
*July 9-15:* Join other MCN Mission Partners at Mission Institute in Concordia, MO

