

i will yet praise Him,

CC Vista uses its youth choir and a rock band to begin a church in Székesfehérvár, a college town south of Budapest.

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Emily Manassero (with microphone) leads the CC Vista choir as they perform at a Hungarian high school.

my Savior and my God

Vista



Rachel Cottage, right, shares her faith in a school.



Cindy Barger shares family photos.



Church steeples.



Hungarian flag.



Kelli Hill, left, answers questions about life in America before witnessing to several Hungarian high school girls.

Székesfehérvár—

becoming servants of the King, where once kings were crowned.

Make Disciples of all the Nations

Danny Williamson, CC Vista, sat quietly in English class at the Hungarian school. With limited language ability, students were trying to ask questions about American life, music, and customs. He felt the Lord stir his heart. Through the translator, Agi Andriska,



Laszlo, right, was sent to complain about the loud music from the outreach.

Danny conveyed his personal testimony. This was why he had journeyed from America—to share about the love of Jesus Christ. All eyes glistened with tears as his struggles broke through the language barrier. Later in the week, one of the 18-year-old Hungarian girls in the group, Ivett Darabos, explained how hearing Danny’s testimony touched her life.

“These young people like Danny were honest about hardships in their lives,” noted Ivett. “But they seemed to shine with love for us and for Jesus Christ. I always wanted to experience a relationship with God, but I never trusted anyone enough to learn from them. You don’t have to go to the priest to have a relationship with Jesus. The Americans were our age, but they were able to teach us.”

Simple Gospel Message

Laszlo, a Hungarian graduate student, approached two men in charge of the Americans. The large group had disrupted the tranquility of the campus morning with



Outreach leaders apologized and then shared the Gospel with the Hungarian student.



Pastors Rob Salvato, left, and Phil Metzger lay hands on Laszlo as he prays to receive Christ. He had asked how he could have the certainty of eternal life in heaven.



Sean Cimino, CC Grass Valley, and Phil Wickham, CC Vista, lead the band.



Krisztina, center, shares with the crowd.



Randy McHaney, CC Vista, approaches college students.



Sing to Him
a new
song;

Play skillfully

with a

shout of joy.

Psalm 33:3

Ron Barger directs the CC Vista choir as they sing in an historic church. The priest heard them singing outside and invited them to share their voices. It led to an interesting time of sharing with the clergyman.



Siblings Rachael and Phil Danyew sing praise songs on the 'walking streets'.



CC Vista team at the Orb at Town Square.

their amplified guitars and drums. His indignation was quickly diffused by the men's warmth and sincere apology.

Pastors Rob Salvato and Phil Metzger did not realize the music was interfering with classes and asked the band to minimize the volume. Rob, senior pastor of CC Vista, CA, had brought his large youth group to Hungary to share about Jesus Christ and to help Phil begin a church in Székesfehérvár, a college town south of Budapest.

They engaged Laszlo in conversation, asking about his life in Hungary. He was intrigued that Americans would travel so far to share this message about the Son of God. Laszlo asked how he could have the certainty of eternal life in heaven. Rob and Phil put their hands on his shoulders as he prayed to receive Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

In This City

Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city."

Acts 18: 9,10

"I felt the Lord had spoken to me through Acts 18 about this particular city," said Pastor Rob. He had journeyed to Hungary several times and had helped Phil begin CC Kaposvár five years earlier.

"I felt that God wanted to do something special here, particularly with the new Bible College so close. They will have a built-in team in Vajta to serve this new church in Székesfehérvár."

"We prayed about this city over the past several years. Meanwhile, a choir began at Calvary Christian school at CC Vista. Europeans love to listen to classical music, and we knew they would stop to listen."

"It is unheard of to have a rock band and a classical choir together, but the Lord is using both of them in a mighty way," said Rob. Members of the Worship Generation group from CC Vista and Costa Mesa came to perform their high-energy songs.

"All of the teenagers in both groups love to share their testimonies of how their personal relationship with Jesus Christ has

transformed their lives. It is a powerful witness. The Hungarians are very cultured, and the teenagers love the rock music, but they really appreciate the quality of the choir at the same time."

Teens Sharing with Teens

Jillian Wickham, 15, talked to each of the seven girls in the class one by one. She had considered herself shy, especially sharing about her faith. She felt overcome by a boldness she had never experienced.

"Do you want to know if you will spend eternity in heaven with Jesus?" asked Jillian. The girls, previously laughing about the encounter, suddenly had tear-filled eyes. All nodded yes. "Do you want that certainty?" After the girls followed Jillian in prayer, they glowed with excitement. They continued to attend the outreaches throughout the week.

Joe Henschel, CC Vista, 17, had been on several mission trips before. What touched

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him was that many teenagers who prayed to receive Christ continued to come every night throughout the week.

God Opened New Doors

"Previously we had the usual plan—set up in a couple of locations, play guitars, and have our teenagers invite people to the nightly outreach," said Phil Metzger. "The authorities, however, refused to give us the legal permission to do this." The Lord obviously had something else in mind.

A university student, Annette, grew up in Budapest attending the Calvary Chapel there. She has been praying that a church would begin here in her college town.



Agi Andriska, (left) a Hungarian translator, celebrates the joy of a student who had received Christ at the outreach.



A Hungarian student, right, is comforted after hearing the Gospel.

Annette went to all the high school and college English classes, a total of 15 schools, and asked if they would like a group of Americans to visit. All the teachers were very enthusiastic and none of the principals had a problem with the Americans sharing their faith.

"God opened a door in the schools that had never been open in the past," said Rob. "The teenagers were able to make friends with the Hungarian students and spend time with them."

"Anyone that has a willing heart to serve the Lord will definitely be used to advance His Kingdom," concluded Pastor Rob. "Would any of these students have imagined when they signed up for choir that God would use them to plant a church in Hungary?"



Phil Metzger shares the Gospel at the outreach that begins the new church in Székesfehérvár.