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Dear Reader!



Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:1-3

In our magazine's first release you will read about the beginnings of This Is The Day! and its major milestones up to this day – what this event is all about, how our dreams have become a reality, and you will get a peek into how we are working on making our biggest dream come true. July 18, 2020 marks the day of a long anticipated event that will take place in the newly built Puskás Arena, where we hope to bring together the largest crowd of worshippers Hungary has ever seen.

On our way to the Stadium we are organizing a Fall Roadshow that will visit many Hungarian cities and several others across our borders. We desire to gather with many of you for a time of worship, the preaching of the Gospel, encouraging believers to commit to be part of this great upcoming event, where we will be able to come together in the largest edifice of our country to express our gratefulness and adoration before the throne of the Living God.

Those of us who follow Jesus know how much we owe Him for what He has done for us, and our goal is to express our thanks to Him together, many thousands as one. We hope to be able to gift each attendee with a special Bible that has Jesus's words printed in red.

On the day of the event there will be buses heading to the Stadium from all over the country. We encourage you to sign up for the busride, and we will help you with the details as well as with organizing trips for larger groups. We are expecting thousands of participants from across the borders as well.

Worship events of this magnitude have taken place only twice in all of Europe so far: the first one in 1997 in Wembley Stadium in London, the second one in the Olympic Stadium in Berlin. This time, Budapest will be the city gathering worshippers from Hungary, Slovakia, Serbia, Romania, Croatia, Slovenia, Ukraine, Poland, Austria, Germany, Britain, and many other countries.

In 2020, This Is The Day! jubilee will host many beloved Hungarian performers as well as many well-known Christian musicians and bands from other European cities and even from across the Great Pond.

This is the day that will make our year extra special – let's all get together! See you in Puskás Arena, on July 18th, 2020!

Viktor László

founder and director
This Is The Day!

STADIUM 2020 VISION

We believe that in the course of each year, there should be one day that's different and special, when God's people come together to worship their Maker. Our annual event gives us, believers an opportunity to lift up the name of Jesus, to express our acceptance towards one another, and to experience the unity found in God's family.



People gathering
before a This Is The
Day! event

We believe we're living in the time of gathering. God desires to gather His people from every nation, every denomination and every age group. Both its historical background and its geographical features make Budapest the most perfect location for different people groups of the Carpathian Basin to come before the throne of God, bringing sacrifices of praise from all over the Carpathian Basin, and even from all of Europe. We believe that July 18, 2020 might become the largest Christian worship gathering of the 21st century, as we cry out to the Lord together from the newly built Puskás Arena. We desire to turn to our Maker in songs, preaching, and prayer, testifying of the Lord Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The vision for This Is The Day! began more than 20 years ago, for a worship gathering that would bring together Hungarian believers from Hungary and adjacent nations. The goal was to one day gather at the country's then most significant stadium – The Népstadion – where we would express our faith and unity that reaches across denominational boundaries. We have been gathering believers from every denomination since the year 2000.

Puskás Aréna lit up
in national colors



We also welcome seekers knowing that our event offers an opportunity for them to connect with their Savior, and have their lives touched and changed forever. We believe in the importance of assigning a day to the gathering of believers, who come together with thanksgiving in the name of Jesus, praying for the repentance and salvation of our nation and for the revival of the Church. In the past 20 years, our events have been attended by more than 250,000 participants from all over the Carpathian Basin, and our stages have hosted representatives of over 30 nations.

Our goal is to encourage believers to make a more serious commitment to Christ, thus impacting the lives of those around them. Our desire is to encourage our brothers and sisters in fulfilling their call of being salt and light in the world, their very lives being witnesses to the Love of God. We desire to see an increasing unity among believers, and we hope to help them by encouraging acceptance. We desire to be witnesses to those around us by the love and acceptance we show towards one another. The key to success in this mission is working together in unity. Freedom and openness experienced in a kind and loving environment: a key characteristic

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You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalm 118,28-29

of our events. We are very grateful that God is using our ministry, and that This Is The Day! can serve as a bridge connecting generations, denominations and all nations.

Just like all of our events, our Stadium celebration will be a time of testifying of Jesus Christ through music, songs, encouraging messages, teaching, and testimonies. We desire to express our commitment to Jesus Christ without being ashamed of our past, embracing our future. We want to come before Jesus and intercede for our nation with repentant hearts, seeking for His forgiveness for our past, when we denied Him, asking for a future that is true to Him and is spent walking in His blessings. We hope to be able to

create an event that provides an opportunity for the glory of Jesus to shine among us, believers.

The invitation to join this event is open to all believers who are able and willing to identify with our goals in humility and brotherly love. We are calling on all nations, and everyone that longs to experience a revival and is ready to live a renewed LIFE to come and join us from all corners of the Carpathian Basin and Europe. Come and be a part of this mission! We are counting on you! Do you want to bring a whole group of people or serve as one of our ambassadors? Contact us, we would love to be of assistance!



A white bus is shown from a low angle, moving towards the right. The bus has a yellow banner on its side with blue text. Above the bus, several large balloons in yellow, blue, and white are floating. The sky is blue with some white clouds. The overall scene is festive and celebratory.

1,000 BUSES HEADED TO THE STADIUM

On July 18th, we are planning to transport people to the event, in more than 1000 buses, from all over the Carpathian Basin.

We encourage all believers, churches, home groups, youth groups, or friends and families to get organized in groups, and make plans to travel to the event together. If you ride on one of our buses, your travel expenses will be covered by This Is The Day!

Please contact us for details at:
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FUSION 2020 1000 BUSZ INDUL EURÓPÁRÓL!
SZERVEZZ TE IS BUSZUTAT!

THIS IS THE DAY! ROADSHOW

2019–2020



Snapshot from the 2014
Roadshow in Debrecen



One of our first
Roadshow:
Miskolc, 2004



As part of our preparations for this amazing event on July 18th, 2020, we are organizing a series of Roadshows that will give us an opportunity to connect with believers all over Hungary, and across the borders as well. We will visit over 25 locations, where local sports halls and stadiums will be hosting our miniature This Is The Day! events.

Those of you following the story of This Is The Day! know that we regularly hold events in different parts of the country, and we've organized a few events in neighbouring countries as well. The idea of a Roadshow isn't a brand new thing, since we've held similar events in cities like Szeged, Pécs, Miskolc, and Győr in 2004, and in 2014, we got to take the This Is The Day! Roadshow to Kiskőrös, Debrecen, Szeged and all the way to Arad, and even had a show on Columbus Ship in Budapest. Our present roadshow will be very similar to these, but we will also have some brand new features. Our goals remain: declaring the Good News, lifting up the name of Jesus, sharing our vision, and inviting all participants to join us at our 2020 event in the Stadium.

The Roadshow took off with its first event held in Targu Mures on June, and then continued in the fall. We had the great privilege of touring with Nick Vujicic, visiting two Romanian cities, Cluj Napoca and Gheorghe, then returning to Hungary with him to host two sold-out events in Budapest Arena. In November 11th to 16th, we toured the Transdanubian area, while November 26th through December 1st we traveled through Eastern Hungary, Transcarpathia and Transylvania. The last leg of the Roadshow will take place in the spring of 2020, when we'll be visiting additional Hungarian and European cities.

We believe that this tour will play a key part in bringing down walls between different nations, denominations, and generations as the power of God manifests among believers coming together to worship their Creator!

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Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:15-16



Martin Smith



Béla Pintér



László Prazsák

February 8 Vienna

Martin Smith & Band,
Noel Richards, Outbreakband,
Veronika Lohmer, Andrej
Grozdanov, Béla Pintér

February 9 Ljubljana

Martin Smith & Band, Noel
Richards, Abend, Svetnik,
Checkpoint, Andrej Grozdanov,
Béla Pintér

February 10 Zagreb

Martin Smith & Band, Noel
Richards, Petar Buljan (God's
Victory), Emanuel, Andrej
Grozdanov, Béla Pintér

February 11 Osijek

Martin Smith & Band, Noel
Richards, Emanuel, Matej
Galić, Béla Pintér, László
Csiszér, László Prazsák

November, 2019

Visited cities:

Szekszárd, Pécs, Kaposvár,
Szombathely, Győr, Eger,
Uzhhorod, Baia Mare, Miskolc,
Cluj Napoca, Debrecen

February 12 Subotica

Martin Smith & Band, Noel Richards, Béla Pintér, László Csiszér, László Prazsák, Serbia Worship, Shalom Romalen

February 13 Kecskemét

Martin Smith & Band, Noel Richards, Sámuel Mike, Béla Pintér, László Csiszér, László Prazsák

February 14 Szeged

Martin Smith & Band, Noel Richards, Béla Pintér, László Csiszér, László Prazsák, András Gável, Gellért Gável

February 15 Arad

Martin Smith & Band, Noel Richards, Béla Pintér, László Csiszér, László Prazsák



Noel Richards



Andrej Grozdanov



László Csiszér

CHECK OUT OUR VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE



A picture is worth a thousand words, says the old proverb. Does that mean a video is worth a thousand pictures? Perhaps. We have been posting new and old This Is The Day! videos on our YouTube channel for the past 12 years. We have collected several hundred videos that capture memories of our various events. The videos differ in length, but all of them testify to the amazing work God has been

doing in and through our mission. Our catalogue contains not only our own videos but recordings of preachers, Bible teachings, and other productions. We occasionally upload interviews, summaries of our events, or a retrospection of a period in our ministry and work. We regularly add to our collection greetings sent to us by bands and musicians from all over the world. Our channel also contains all of the officially released This Is The Day! album soundtracks.



...you will
know the truth,
and the truth will
set you free.

John 8:32



0:07 / 1:17



YouTube





LISTEN TO OUR SPOTIFY PLAYLISTS!



In recent years the music business scene has changed quite significantly: hard copies of music are going out of style, people prefer to listen to music online. We are doing our best to keep up to date, so we have started using platforms like Spotify, where we have already uploaded all the albums we have released in the past 20 years via Kérügma Kiadó (a Hungarian Christian publisher). This makes it possible for anyone

to access any of our This Is The Day! Live Arena Recordings with just a few clicks. Besides the live shows, you'll find beloved oldies from performers like Csiszér Laci, MC Tono és Nóri, Gianni, Új Jeruzsálem, Eucharist, Lighthouse, Lelkes Állatok, and the Ez igen! and Millenniumi Felvonulás Jézusért music compilations.

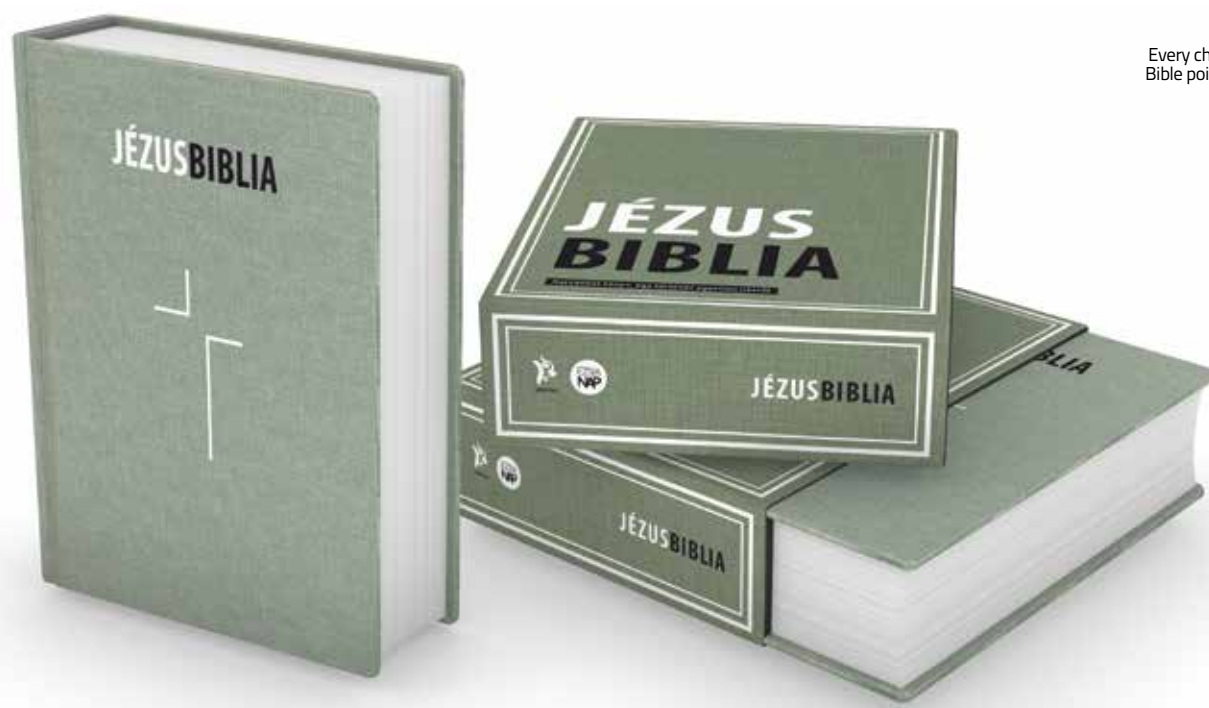
We've also been creating playlists on Spotify – you can pick different themes and moods. Our playlists contain mostly Hun-

garian music, and we've created compilations like: Best of Contemporary Worship Songs, Best of Hungarian Pop and Hip Hop Music, and New Releases. We highly recommend our 'In a quiet room in the presence of God' playlist for everyone feeling tired or weakened in their faith, and our 'Christian Campfire' compilation for those who would love to reminisce about summer camps. Check out our music compilations, visit our Ez az a nap! Spotify page.



THE JESUS BIBLE

The Jesus Bible is a unique release, in that its main purpose is to point to the person of Jesus Christ, from the first page of the Scriptures to the very last. Our ministry hopes to be able to hand a copy of this Bible to each participant of This Is The Day! 2020 in Puskás Arena.



Every chapter in the Bible points to Jesus



We have a very special gift for all of our 'Stadium worship' attendees: we plan to give everybody a uniquely designed Jesus Bible, released especially for this event. What makes this Bible stand out from among the others is the additional paragraphs, articles and notes, each one focusing on the person of Jesus Christ,

guiding the reader through Scripture, pointing out how Jesus has always been the central character of the Bible – reminding the reader of the hope found in the Holy One.

When a young girl gave birth to a baby during the reign of Roman emperor Augustus, this event was merely a short chapter in the vast story of eternity, but this girl was actually holding the Creator of the universe in her arms. Long before

[1 SAMUEL 25:1–31]

ABIGAIL INTERCEDES

When Abigail discovered that her husband, Nabal, had foolishly rejected David's request for food and water, she realized that her entire household was in danger. She collected and brought a large amount of food for David and his men, and she begged David for mercy. David was so affected by Abigail's words and actions that he extended mercy on her household and sent her home in peace.

This story offers an interesting parallel for understanding the work of Jesus. Making is like Nabal by foolishly rejecting God's goodness and consequently deserving his judgment. Like David, God holds all accountable for their disobedience. The only hope for humanity is someone to intercede like Abigail interceded for Nabal. She demonstrated how Jesus bridges the gap between sinful humanity and a holy God. Jesus intercedes on behalf of people and accepts the penalty for our sin so that we can receive mercy.

closing in on David and his men to capture them.¹⁷ A messenger came to Saul, saying, "Come quickly! The Philistines are raiding the land."¹⁸ Then Saul broke off his pursuit of David and went to meet the Philistines. That is why they call this place Sela Hamachlekoth.¹⁹ And David went up from there and lived in the strongholds of En Gedi.²⁰

David Spares Saul's Life

24 After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi."²⁵ So Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Coqs of the Wild Geese.

"He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. "The men said, "This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. "He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him, for he is the anointed of the Lord."²⁶ With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.

"Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, "My lord the king! When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. "He said to Saul, "Why do you listen when men say, 'David is bent on harming you?' "This day you have seen with your own eyes how the Lord delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, 'I will not lay my hand on my lord, because he is the Lord's anointed.' "See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. See that there is nothing in my hand to indicate that I am guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life. "May the Lord judge between you and me. And may the Lord avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you. "As the old saying goes, 'From evildoers come evil deeds,' so my hand will not touch you.

"Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Who are you pursuing? A dead dog? A flea? "May the Lord be our judge and decide between us. May he consider my cause and uphold it; may he vindicate me by delivering me from your hand."

"When David finished saying this, Saul asked, "Is that your voice, David my son?" And he wept aloud. "You are more righteous than I," he said. "You have treated me well, but I have treated you badly. "You have just now told me about the good you did to me; the Lord delivered me into your hands, but you did not kill me. "When a man finds his enemy, does he let him get away unharmed? May the Lord reward you well for the way you treated me today. "I know that you will surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hands. "Now swear to me by the Lord that you will not kill off my descendants or wipe out my name from my father's family."

So David gave his oath to Saul. Then Saul returned home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

David, Nabal and Abigail

25 Now Samuel died, and all Israel assembled and mourned for him; and they buried him at his home in Ramah. Then David moved down into the Desert of Paraz.²⁷

¹⁷ 28 Sela Hamachlekoth means rock of parting. ¹⁹ 29 In Hebrew texts this verse (1:2-29) is numbered 28:1. ²⁰ In Hebrew texts 24:1-23 is numbered 28:2-23. ²¹ Or "Today the Lord is saying." ²² Hebrew and some Septuagint manuscripts; other Septuagint manuscripts: Moses

1 SAMUEL 24:1–22

THE LORD'S ANOINTED

At this point in Israel's history, a civil war threatened to divide the nation as Saul was trying to kill David. David had ascended to great popularity while Saul had fallen out of favor with the people. While David was out slaying giants and winning battles, Saul's jealousy eroded the health of the kingdom. Blinded by his own insecurities, Saul lost the support of his people. Saul tried to kill David on numerous occasions until David finally fled to the wilderness.

For years, David had been running from Saul and his men. But something unexpected happened inside this cave. Saul found himself in a vulnerable position and at the mercy of David. Of course, David's men encouraged him to take advantage of the situation and end Saul's life. In this moment, David had the chance to end Saul's terror over his life and take the throne that God had ordained for him years earlier. David had the political power, the public's support and the right from God to the throne, but he used this opportunity to reinforce Saul and his kingship instead of destroy him.

To cut off a piece of Saul's robe (24:4,11) would have been a symbolic act that discredited Saul's authority as king. It may have looked as if David was going to listen to the encouragements of his friends and kill Saul. Despite the fact that killing Saul would have seemed like the logical thing to do, David knew he could not kill God's anointed king no matter the circumstances. David refused to touch Saul because he was showing his allegiance to "the Lord's anointed" (24:6,10). David realized that all of his popularity and status had been given to him by God. Therefore, David trusted that God would protect him and give him the throne at the right time.

In the New Testament, Jesus demonstrated that he was truly the anointed Son of God. Yet the people used opportunities to disobey God's ways — and they struck the Anointed One. Still, Jesus demonstrated great mercy. He did not strike back but instead forgave them and prayed for them (Lk 23:34). After his crucifixion, death and burial, Jesus rose from the dead and took his rightful place on the throne in heaven, establishing his kingdom once and for ever.

Sample pages from
the Jesus Bible

Jesus was ever laid in a manger, He had laid the foundations of the entire universe. Long before the veil in the Holy of Holies was torn in two, Jesus had parted the sea. Long before Jesus walked in the garden of Gethsemane, He had strolled the paths of the garden of Eden. Long before leaving the disciples behind with a promise, He had given a promise to Abraham. Jesus is as much present in the book of Genesis, as in all other Mosaic books, the prophets and the psalms. Jesus is there in the Gospels as well as in Romans and Revelation. Nothing has ever existed before Him, and not a moment can pass without Him. There is no life before or after Him.

This is why the American Passion Movement designed the Jesus Bible. Sixty-six books, one story of one person, one name.

This expository Bible highlights the words of Jesus in red, and provides over 1,000 articles and notes written by authors like Louie Giglio, Max Lucado, John Piper, Ravi Zacharias, and Randy Alcorn. The Jesus Bible is a rich study Bible, to be read and taken to heart by any and all.

We believe that this newly released Bible will serve as a great

tool for many in gaining a better understanding of how the books of the Bible join to create a unified story that keeps pointing at Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Savior. Long before laying the foundations of the world, Jesus had included you in His story. Why don't you discover that for yourself in the Jesus Bible?



For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

THE START OF A 20 YEAR JOURNEY

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS
BY VIKTOR LÁSZLÓ



This Is The Day! events have become milestones in a two-decade journey. Even though each event has its own unique flavor, the principles never change.

Founder and director, Viktor László reminisces.

After the regime change, in the mid-to-late-90's, Christian worship music in Hungary entered a previously unthinkable era. Preaching the Good News was not forbidden anymore, testifying of Jesus Christ in word or through music was now permitted, even at secular locations – in the open street and the public square, in community centers and halls. Many believers took advantage of the newfound freedom, and we – László Csiszér, Laci Prazsák and myself decided to take on the entire country, not ashamed of the Gospel, but preaching it boldly wherever we went, singing praises all the way. Around this time, I received a copy of a recording of a 1997 concert in Wembley Stadium. I could not believe my eyes! This legendary stadium had only hosted grand football games, and had organized concerts for world famous musicians like Queen, U2, or Rolling Stones... and here I was watching no-name Christian bands performing in a variety of genres, playing cool, enjoyable, upbeat music throughout an entire day. I sat there watching band after band, and found myself thinking, 'O.K.! We've had our own idea about how to put on a great Christian concert, but I am looking at something I've never even begun to imagine.' There and then, a deep desire was born in me to see our little communism-torn country experience something similar. I was deeply moved by the humble and meek attitude Noel Richards, –author of influential worship songs– like 'Champion of the World' – expressed in his worship and while speaking about God's Kingdom to nearly 50,000 people.

I was so inspired by all this that I began to seek the way God might be planning to use this experience in and through me. I had to meet Noel. I knew I had to see him and speak to him, even if only over a cup coffee somewhere in London or elsewhere, so he could share with me the vision behind

the Event, and how it had all come together. Of course, it was very unlikely for me to actually pull this off. I'd no connections in the UK, I knew no one who could help me meet him. Plus, even if I did have some contacts, 'Why would Noel Richards sit down with a few zealous Eastern European young men?', I thought. Nevertheless, we kept asking God that if He did have a plan, He'd open some doors for us.

A few weeks later Noel showed up in Hungary, looking for young men who'd be interested to hear about the vision he carried in his heart – that is, organizing worship events, now not only in the UK but in Hungary as well. He had already envisioned these events gathering a large enough crowd to fill the stadium. It all sounded like a dream! What's more interesting is that it turned out that Noel watched the Wembley recording at about the same time I did. He noticed, that while he was singing the 'Champion of the World', there was a man in the crowd raising a Hungarian flag. There were no other flags raised. He sensed the Lord speaking to him through this, so he made the trip to Hungary. All of this was incredible – we got to see how wonderfully God works: He inspires us, we begin to dream and He sends Noel to help us.

Noel came to us as a simple man with a humble heart. He was successful enough to be named among the biggest British bands,

yet he was like a brother, giving us a helping hand so that worship events might begin to be held in Hungary. He sealed our vision.

We spent two years figuring out how to launch our first event. Noel suggested starting with smaller events to slowly reach our goal: filling the stadium with people to worship Jesus. Our first worship event was organized with the help of a good friend and colleague of mine, Laci Prazsák. The two of us continue to pray for this vision to come to pass. We named our first event 'We Come Before You with Praises' ('Dicsérettel jövőnk eléd') in 1998. We had organized some marches beforehand, where people from different denominations joined us, and we usually were able to set up a stage with a few worship bands, but our 1998 event was the first one especially put together for believers to join together in a time of worship and praise, Sunday afternoon between 5-10PM. We hoped we'd have about 500 to 600 people show up, and we ended up having around 2000 participants. We hardly fit in the room. We still haven't figured out where all the people came from. We had no Facebook, no newsletter, nothing. I had a friend who later told me that as he was walking into the city from the Buda side (on Rózsadomb in district 2), a mile away he could sense the Holy Spirit filling him, and he knew something special was happening. This event served as kind



Then the Lord replied: Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

Habakkuk 2:2-3







of a spring-board, and we felt as if we had struck a string in God's heart, our efforts playing a chord, our prayers receiving an answer. We knew we had to continue, so we started making plans right away.

Two years later, in 2000, we reached an important milestone. We hosted a New Year's Party, with about 60 ministers, pastors, and church leaders present, and we felt the need to symbolically express our unity. So, we built a wall out of boxes that had negative, dividing and destructive words written on them: words like gossiping, belittling, strife – all kinds of evil. At midnight we toppled this symbolic wall, and as we were jumping all over these boxes of negativity, in our hearts we knew it was possible to overcome evil with good, and Christians would be able to respect and appreciate one another. That night

a new dream was born: on June 10th, 2000, there would be a This Is The Day! March followed by a big worship event in Tabán (a park in district 1). At our New Year's gathering, we sensed God revealing His will, giving us not only His approval but His confirmation to our desires and plans. The summer event further confirmed God's involvement. While we expected 1,500 to 2,000 people, we ended up with 25,000 participants. Following this event, the group of 50 to 60 church leaders and pastors started gathering monthly for a time of prayer, asking God to visit Budapest in a supernatural way – this was our vision.

This Is The Day! events rest on 3 pillars: A time of worship & praise offered to God; Prayer for our nation – couldn't do without it; Preaching of the Gospel, so people would come to faith, and Christians who are a bit weary or have

become lukewarm, would receive encouragement to continue with zeal. After our event in 2000, we decided to take small steps each year toward our goal of filling up the Stadium with worshippers of the Lord Jesus. The restored Stadium has recently reopened as Puskás Aréna. This journey has lasted for a little over 20 years and has been full of wonderful experiences and memories.

(Excerpt taken from the book 'Upward – Worship and Christian Contemporary Music – Interviews, Testimonies, Stories' released in the fall of 2019, in Hungarian.)



STADION 2020 ROADSHOW **NICK VUJICIC**

3 DAYS, 4 SOLD-OUT EVENTS, 35K PARTICIPANTS

The Roadshow organized by This Is The Day! and Nem Adom Fel Foundation held events in Cluj Napoca and Gheorghe (Romania) and in Budapest Arena, with main speaker, Nick Vujicic.



A fully packed Arena
intently listening
to Nick



Our hearts are full of thanks as we look back to the end of October, when in preparation for the Stadium event This Is The Day! mission launched its Roadshow with Nick Vujicic, motivational speaker and preacher born without limbs as its main speaker. We spent 3 busy days together, attending events in Cluj Napoca and Gheorghe in Romania, and then two sold-out events in Budapest.

Each event hosted Laci Csiszér, Laci Prazsák, and Nemadomfel Band as an opening act before Nick's powerful message in which he kept pointing to Jesus, focusing on the importance of faith, hope, and love. Nick emphasized God's love for all people, and reminded us that if we have accepted Him as our personal Savior, one day we'll hug one another in heaven. Nick gave an altar call at each location, and to our great joy, there

were hundreds responding to his invitation, every time. In Budapest, Nick had the opportunity to address an Arena full of teenage students, where he strongly urged the kids to stand up against bullying.

Nick Vujicic's messages are always encouraging – we got to experience that first hand. We believe his visit was a blessing and had a wonderful positive impact on many.



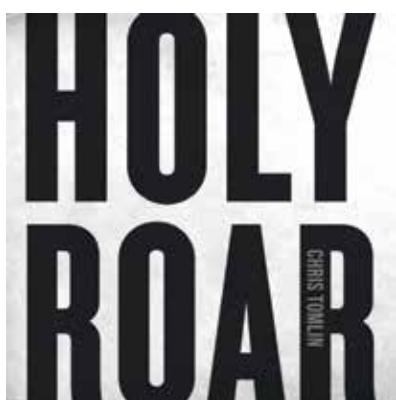
His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

John 9:2-3

Nick encourages listeners with a powerful message

RECOMMENDED ALBUMS

Here is a little mix of Christian music albums recently released by some of our favorite singers and bands.



Chris Tomlin: Holy Roar

Chris Tomlin, one of the most influential worship leaders of the past few decades, released his 10th album, called Holy Roar. At around the same time, Tomlin and co-author, Darren Whitehead released a book with the same title. According to Tomlin, the purpose of both the album and the book is to help listeners and readers get rejuvenated and find a deeper relationship with God.



Lauren Daigle: Look Up Child

With her second solo album, Lauren Daigle, often referred to as the 'Christian Adele,' stands out even among the best – her songs spending long months on different music charts. Look Up Child's honest lyrics, instrumental approach, and Daigle's beautiful voice make this album especially unique.



Hillsong Worship: Awake

What makes Awake a special album is the place of its recording – instead of the usual live show recording, it's actually a studio album. The songs range from massive anthems to personal prayers, and everything in between. With its deep lyrics and professional musicianship, the album is naturally one of the best of last year's releases.

Szeráf: Bátorrá tesz

Hungarian band Szeráf's new album includes 12 songs about God's amazing grace and love, the victory of Jesus, and the new life we've been given by Him. 'But you have made me as strong as a wild ox. You have anointed me with the finest oil.' (Psalm 92)



Révész Dániel: Bízzál én lelkem

'I believe, the purpose of my life and my songs is to worship God' – states Daniel, worship pastor of the Baptist Church of the city of Esztergom, when briefly talking about his music. After the release of his first album in 2018, 'Send me', he's already put out a new worship album, 'Trust, My Soul,' in 2019. Both albums contain a selection of wonderful songs with modern arrangements.



Reménység: Nincs más név

'No Other Name' is the fourth album of Reménység (Hope), a Christian band formed in Transylvania in 2004. The songs on the new disc talk about the greatness of God, His love, and the salvation of mankind. This album encourages us to reconsider the meaning of life, to make the greatest decision, and to start anew, experiencing God's restoring love.



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As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood.

1 Peter 2:4-5

Millennial March
for Jesus



THIS IS THE DAY!

HISTORY

THE FIRST 20 YEARS

In the past 20 years, This Is The Day! movement has brought much joy and many blessings to thousands of God-seekers. On the following pages we'll take a look back at the history of This Is The Day!, from the beginning, up to our present days.

The past 20 years have proven to be truly eventful. We have organized dozens of events that placed Jesus in the center. We began in the early years of the millennium with outdoor events – gathering in places like Tabán, Margaret island, Kisstadion, Népstadion park, and Heroes' Square. We held a few marches, and put on some Roadshows in the country. In 2006, we sent buses to the Global Gathering at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin, and in the following years, we placed our focus on our Westend Soul & Gospel Festivals. In 2010, we moved our summer event into Papp László Arena, and started hosting smaller events, like club concerts, Christmas gigs and such.

We made it a point to host musicians who made high quality music, but more importantly, who

were also known to be on fire for Jesus. We desire to create events that are more than 'cool gigs' the world puts on – rather, we want to provide opportunities for Christians to come together in worship of the Creator, where the Good News is proclaimed to those who have not met Jesus yet.

While writing this magazine that tells the story of the past two decades, and picking out pictures to be included in it, we were reminded of sentimental moments. We hope that you are also among the many who hold dear memories of past This Is The Day! events. Enjoy reading on, and while you are at it, why don't you give a listen to our Spotify playlist entitled 'Ez az a nap! történelem' (This Is The Day! History), containing our favorites from international bands who have performed at past This Is The Day events.





Noel Richards
and Laci Prazsák,
Kisstadion 2002

THE BEGINNING (2000–2004)

The story of This Is The Day! reaches all the way back to the turn of the millennium, to our March for Jesus event when 25,000 people marched through the streets of Budapest, praising the name of Jesus, worshipping God.

On the Saturday of the very first Pentecost of the new millennium, we joined the amazing world-wide movement, March for Jesus. Mile-long rows of believers weaved through the streets in a colorful array, testifying of Jesus Christ and the message of the Gospel. The rally gathered in front of the Parliament, and stopping at key points of the city headed to the Tabán,

where we listened to testimonies and praised God together as worship bands from different denominations led us before the throne of grace.

A year later we organized a Thanksgiving and Worship Day. The event at the Athletics Center saw 15,000 adults and 3,000 kids celebrating together, worshipping God from early afternoon till late evening. A nice variety of music, testimonies and heart-warming

prayers were shared on the main stage, and as usual, the Gospel message was preached for the sake of those who did not know Jesus.

The following year, Kisstadion provided the venue for the annual This Is The Day! event. The motto of that year's event was 'Choose Life!' This memorably hot day was permeated by the joy that filled our hearts and the excitement we had for Jesus Christ, the treasure of our lives, knowing it was Him who lovingly gathered believers from different walks of life. The prayers, the intercession, the singing and dancing, the testimonies and interviews – everything we did on this day was a testimony to the living God.

In the year 2003, This Is The Day! was extra special as we spent not one but three days together in Népstadion Park. We spent the last days of June welcoming visitors with a myriad of programs: 48-hour worship, Kids' Tent, 'I'm



Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord; praise him, you servants of the Lord, you who minister in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.

Psalms 135:1-3



Népstadion Park,
2003

Listening' Tent, Missions Expo, and countless other activities, programs, and Bible workshops. Our main stage hosted Hungarian worship leaders along with UK musicians, Graham Kendrick, Noel Richards, and Sue Rinaldi.

The early years of This Is The Day! ended with another rally. Believers from every corner of Hungary and from abroad felt the need to come and testify of Jesus Christ as part of this rally that marched from Oktogon to Heroes' Square in June 2004. The lead truck set off at 5pm, followed by a large crowd and about 10 more decorated vehicles. We enthusiastically sang along to the worship songs coming from the speakers on some of the vehicles. The speakers also made it possible for everyone to hear the Scripture reading and testimonies. We prayed together, spoke to onlookers, and upon reaching Heroes' Square, a worship band formed by several bands and musicians led us in praising God for several hours.

Gábel brothers at
Heroes' Square



A choir in
Népstadion Park



Margaret Island
2001



Népstadion Park,
2003



Praying together
in Kisstadion

SOUL & GOSPEL FESTIVALS (2007–2009)

In the years 2007–2009, we held our annual event in the heart of the city, on the rooftop terrace of Westend City Center Mall. We were able to reach thousands of teens and young adults with the Gospel through the concerts.



YFriday at the Soul & Gospel Festival, 2008

As part of a new vision called City Missions, in 2007, we held our first Soul & Gospel Festival. A variety of Christian music echoed in the heart of the city night after night, four days in a row in the month of September. Besides well-known Hungarian musicians, we hosted Miracle City Singers from Holland, YFriday from Britain, and Cardiac Move from Austria. Special guest Fr. Stan Fortuna, the 'rapping priest

of Bronx' definitely brought a lot of color to the event, and our main artist was one of the great pioneers of international worship music, David Ruis.

The following year, we returned to our usual summer schedule to put on another great This Is The Day! event. In the middle of June, the rooftop of Westend Mall once again provided the perfect venue for a lively event. Our two powerful opening acts: Matt Redman, widely



Golgota Gospel Choir, 2007

known representative of modern worship, and Hillsong London, the popular worship group. On the second day, we got to enjoy quality performances by Glorious from France and Breeze Gospel from Holland. On the third evening, Noel Richards led us in praise, and on the last day, we got to watch Judy Bailey and YFriday in concert. Of course, the excellent performance of local artists made the festival complete.

Our last Westend Soul & Gospel Festival in 2009 took place in the last days of May. True to tradition, we welcomed a number of talented Hungarian musicians, as well as some popular international bands. For the first time ever, Australian Planetshakers came to our little country, and to our great joy, they keep returning. Their New Zealand 'neighbors,' the Parachute Band, and British band Superhero also graced us on the rooftops of the Westend Mall. Naturally, many of our favorite Hungarian artists took part in the event.

The same year, we had the pleasure of hosting Kirk Franklin, a man visibly at home in hip-hop, R&B, Soul and Gospel. With a full orchestra and his unique style, Kirk put on an outstanding show at Sportmax Conference Center, Budapest. 2009 was the year we began to organize small club concerts continuing our Soul & Gospel line. Our first location was Take5, with bands like YFriday, the Parachute Band, and David Ruis performing.

Our outdoor event series came to an end with our 10 year anniversary. In June 2010, This Is The Day! was held on Margaret island, where we had the honor of welcoming Ron Kenoly and his band, and returning guests like Planetshakers, Béla Pintér, Laci Csiszér, and Laci Prazsák, and a number of other Hungarian friends. As in previous years, This Is The Day! offered Kids' Programs, hosted a Missions Expo, and many other activities.



That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:10-11



Judy Bailey



Fr Stan Fortuna



David Ruis





Hillsong London &
Matt Redman



YFriday



Breeze Gospel



Miracle City Singers



Instant intl band:
Rend Collective, Július
Slovák, Not an Idol

THE ARENA SEASON (SINCE 2010)

In the first year of the new decade, we 'moved into' Budapest Arena that has become a permanent location for the annual This Is The Day! summer event. Besides the grand summer concerts, we organised more and more club concerts, Christmas programs and such.

2010 marked a new era for our mission – we began holding our main annual event at Budapest Arena. Our event was soon moved from early fall to early summer, the original date, filling up the largest hall of Budapest. In November 2010, we hosted Hillsong London, and London Community Gospel Choir. In October 2011, our main guest was Jesus Culture, and in 2012,

we invited Matt Redman, Tim Hughes and Worship Central, Noel Richards, as well as LZ7, along with our Hungarian guests. Besides the main This Is The Day! events, we held smaller gigs in other venues, such as a concert with third-time guest Planetshakers at Petőfi Hall in 2011, and our very first Christmas worship concert in December 2012, with our friends Béla Pintér and Illés Dobner performing.

In the year 2013, we moved our main event – regularly held at Papp László Arena – from fall to early summer. At this first June concert, our guest list included Israel Houghton and the New Breed, along with Gateway Worship. The following year, we were privileged to host one of the most significant and popular Christian rock bands of the decade, Newsboys, and a range of wonderfully talented artists like Reuben Morgan and Hill-

song London, Martin Smith and Graham Kendrick – all of them enriching our program greatly. We continued to organise more of the smaller gigs each year. For example, we had the joy of providing a venue for Martin Smith and Matt Redman's God's Great Dance Floor tour stop at Budapest Körcsarnok; organizing a Roadshow with our good friend Noel Richards; and throwing a bombastic worship night called Next Level Worship Night with Planetshakers and LZ7. Boat A38 provided the perfect location for smaller concerts like Noel Richards' 60-year Lifetime Concert, an exclusive performance by Martin Smith & Band, and concerts given by ICF Worship, Jeremy Riddle, and Jason Upton.

Starting in 2015, we designated a theme for our main This Is The Day! events. Thus, the three-fold series WATER, WIND, & FIRE was born, followed by another series that began in 2018, the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE –

the last one being the theme of 2020 at the brand new Stadium. As for performers, we continued inviting well-known artists, and in the year 2015, the worldwide popular contemporary folk rock worship band Rend Collective, and with them, Bethel Music flooded us with life-giving water. In 2016, it was Jesus Culture and Martin Smith who brought us a fresh wind of the Spirit, and in 2017, Hillsong Worship & Reuben Morgan as well as Rend Collective represented God's fire. In this season, we were blessed to host club concerts for bands like Switchfoot, Kutless, and Christafari. We also had a Next Level Worship Night with Hillsong Worship in the winter of 2016 and with Hillsong Young & Free in the fall of 2017 at the Arena.

The past couple of years turned out just as exciting: 2018 brought to us the one and only David Crowder, and Worship Central was kind enough to return to

our annual event. Last summer, -in 2019- to the request of many of our This Is The Day! regulars, Planetshakers joined us for the fifth time, and we were happy to host Noel Richards, Pat Barrett, and King's Village. Needless to say, each year we made a point of inviting beloved well-known Hungarian and European bands and worship leaders to perform on our stages. We feel it is extremely important to cross denominational divides and provide an opportunity for any and all Jesus-following artists to join us on our stage. The program of our special This Is The Day! event at Puskás Arena will be put together in line with this principle.





Chris Quilala,
Jesus Culture, 2011



David Crowder, 2018



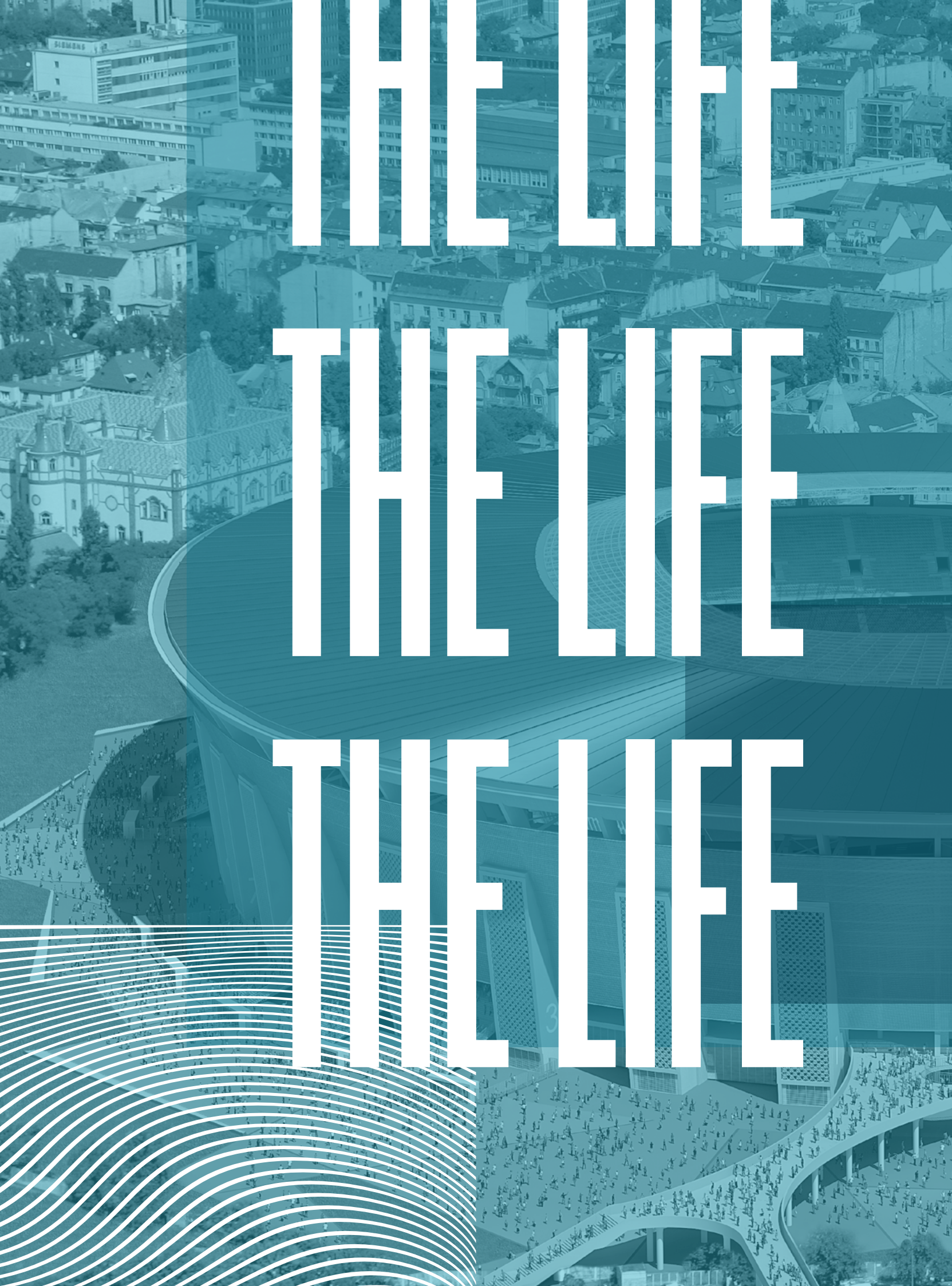
Every year,
praises rise



Gathering in front
of the Arena



Switchfoot
on the A38 boat



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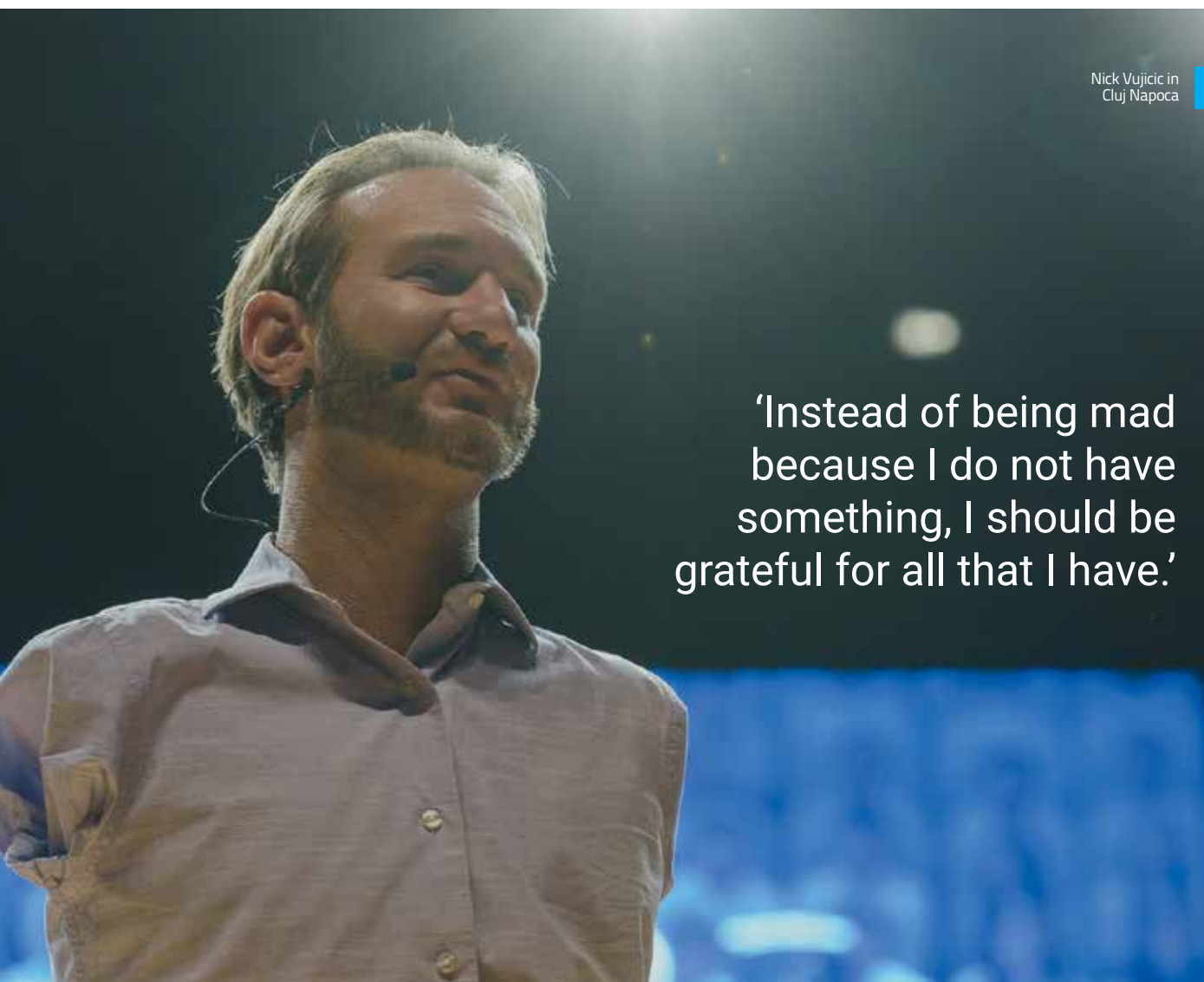
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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: **NICK VUJICIC**

Nich Vujicic, a speaker born without arms and legs, held several sold-out speaking events in October as part of This Is The Day! Roadshow in Cluj Napoca, Sfântu Gheorghe, and Budapest. In his message, he pointed to Christ, focusing on faith, hope, and love. We had a chance to chat with him before his presentation in the Hungarian capital.



Nick Vujicic in
Cluj Napoca

'Instead of being mad because I do not have something, I should be grateful for all that I have.'



Nick at
Budapest Arena

You motivate lots of people during your talks and many people gain new strength because of you. However, presumably you also get tired. How do you motivate yourself? How can you recharge yourself and renew strength in you life?

In spring and fall, I travel a lot, but I spend winter and summer at home with my family. That gives me plenty of time to replenish my energy, to be with my wife and with my children. It is hard to be far away from my family, and sometimes it is really tiring to travel across continents, but I still think I have the best job in the world.

I believe this is what I was born to do, to visit countries and encourage people, to proclaim to them the message of faith, hope, and love. Back to the personal question about recharging, I try to read the Bible every day and I love listening to worship songs. My heart is always open to God, so I don't need to wait until Sunday to talk to God at the church. He loves me and wants the best for me. If I need wisdom, God is there, if I need comfort, He is there as well.

You grew up in a Christian family but you were very angry with God, you even tried to commit suicide. How did this mentality change? How did you start believing?

Every Sunday, I went to church as my father was a pastor. I knew the Bible, but I did not understand why God had not given me arms and legs. As a child, I prayed a lot about this, but then I gave up because I felt that God was not fair with me. After that, I experienced a four-year period of depression when I did not speak to God at all. My future seemed hopeless, I had lots of questions, I thought that I did not have a chance to ever be happy. I felt lonely and isolated, and all of that made me want to commit suicide.

I was thirteen years old when I realised that instead of being mad for what I don't have, I should be grateful for what I have. My parents always told me to 'do your best and God will do the rest'. Two years later, at 15, I gave my life to God when I read in the Bible how He healed the blind man. I cried to God, 'Lord, if you heal me like you healed the blind man, I will worship you, but even if you do not give me healing in my body, please heal my heart, my mind and my soul'.

During your travels, you have met lots of people and heard about lots of life situations. Which story had the biggest impact on you?

I have met lots of people who have no limbs like me, but when it happened for the first time, it was a life changing experience. I saw Daniel Martinez, who was one-and-a-half-year-old at the time, in a church around a decade ago, and our souls instantly connected. He touched my heart deeply, because as a child I longed to meet someone who was like me. It would have been helpful if a man without limbs had come to my school and talked to me about bullying, assuring me that in the eyes of God, I was a valuable person.





Nick's message:
there is hope!

Despite your disability, you are a happy and cheerful person. What is your message to those who are whole in their bodies, yet they are not happy?

We can be physically whole but broken on the inside. I see that a lot of people struggle with depression because they do not have goals in their lives. A pastor once said, 'Who could better tell you what your purpose is than the One who created you?' I believe that everyone's life has a purpose, and there is hope for us all as long as we keep pursuing it. Our happiness does not consist in our health or our material possessions. We can only be truly happy if we find our purpose in life.

What would you say to those who blame God and are mad at Him because of their disability?

Everyone who lives with any kind of disability must know that God loves them, sees them and He is aware of their needs. I would like to encourage everyone by saying that God never burdens us with more than we can carry. Our hope does not focus on this world but rather on knowing that anyone who believes in Him will go to heaven. And until then, even if He should not change our circumstances, our hearts can be changed to see Him and to live our days focusing on Him in the hope that we shall see Him face to face.

Are you totally satisfied with your life or do you wish you had limbs? Do you still pray to have them? Do you believe in a miracle?

I know that God can do wonderful miracles of physical healing. I have seen blind eyes and

deaf ears open, and lame people walk. I used to have three holes in my spine, and the doctors told me there was nothing they could do, in fact, I should get used to the idea that one day I might not be able to move at all. These small gaps have since disappeared, and my spine is totally healthy. The doctors cannot explain what happened, and they had to recognise the miraculous healing.

I keep a pair of shoes in my closet in case God should give me limbs one day. But I know that if He does not do it, if He does not give me a miracle in my body, I will have to be the miracle for someone else. I do not know whether or not I will ever have arms and legs in this life, but I am sure that I will have limbs in heaven, and I will be able to embrace people who will



Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:19-22



say to me, 'Nick, thanks for coming to my school, to my country, and for helping me believe that God has a plan for my life and that heaven is real.' This is the greatest thing of all.

BÉLA PINTÉR:

IT INSPIRES ME THAT I CAN COMMUNICATE AN EVERLASTING MESSAGE THROUGH MY SONGS



Béla Pintér:
Jesus, You are
all my dreams

If I know it correctly, music has been a part of your life since early childhood. How did praise and worship become a full-time ministry for you?

Yes, indeed, I started humming songs as a small child, and then I took music theory classes and things like that. It was a pastor friend of mine who first said that I had a calling for worship and music. At that time, I was not too intentional about my future

or my ministry. Thinking back, I always summed up that period of my life by saying I was just tagging along after the happenings of my life. God kept showing me new things, exciting and unusual things, and I just tried to say yes to His calling, and taking one step after another. It has not been an intentional, well-planned travel but a path where only the next step was visible. Most often, people create a 'frame,' and then they

Béla Pintér
in the Arena

fill it up with content. However, in my case, it was other way around. It was the words of this pastor friend of mine that first made me realize that I was somehow supposed to be involved in worship full time. I recognized then that I was not just going to write one or two songs but lots and lots, and by sharing them with others, I would let people know God better and draw closer to Him.

How are new songs born in you?

To write a song, I need peace and privacy. Sometimes I get sudden inspirations, and my family knows they have to leave me alone. They go to the mall, to the playground or come up with a programme for themselves while I work. They are very attentive and flexible.

Song writing is like labor. Once the process starts, it cannot be interrupted. The longest time I 'carried' a song within me was four months. Then at a most unexpected moment, the last few lines of the song were born! My

mobile phone is a very useful tool for the songwriting process. When I have a tune or a lyrics fragment in my mind, I get my phone right away, and I record the lyrics or the melody.

Inspiration sometimes comes while I'm shopping or driving. At times like that, I move aside and quickly record my thoughts or the tune, and I also make some notes regarding the theme and style of the song. I never let a

single letter or note go to waste. At this very moment, I have around 600 such 'seedlings' recorded on my phone.

From these fragments, later I create the songs. During long winter nights or whenever I have the opportunity, I listen to them and slowly but surely, the verses and choruses come to life, and these Heaven-initiated songs become reality. This is how I work, how I write songs.



You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed
me with joy, that my heart may sing
your praises and not be silent. Lord, my
God, I will praise you forever.

Psalms 30:11-12



Béla with the kids

There are lots of songs in your repertoire, so how do you choose which ones to sing at a particular event?

At the concerts, I usually do not prepare a list of the songs which I intend to sing. I try to adapt the program to the particular location and audience. I get a first impression after the first few lines, and that helps me decide which way to go with the concert. I size up the composition of the audience, how many children are present, how many of them are Christians, etc. I try to find out as much as I can about the audience. I do this because I want my message to reach their hearts. I receive a lot of help at my concerts from my wife who knows from a gesture or a word what song I have in mind. If I manage to connect with the audience, the concert has reached its purpose.

Do you never get bored singing the same songs a thousand times?

Not at all! It is not boring, because it inspires me that I can communicate an everlasting message through my songs. If even one person among the audience understands that message and is transformed, that is a great joy for me.

What does it mean to you to praise and worship God?

I do believe that worshipping God is not limited to singing in the church. Maybe it sounds trivial, but I believe that worship is a lifestyle. We can worship God at the bedside of our feverish child or at a wedding ceremony, or even at a funeral. The worship of God is an important part of our life where we praise Him for His greatness, kindness, and grace, by ourselves or in the company of others.

In church services, the worship usually starts with faster praise songs and then switches to slower, more worshipful ones. The essence of worship, besides experiencing fellowship with one

another, is for my heart to be connected to God's heart. If my relationship with God is right during the week, it does not matter at all whether we start with a faster or slower song, or which one we finish with, I can simply be attuned to Heaven and enjoy God's presence. The key to my worship and praise is knowing that I am God's child. I cannot ever thank Him enough that I can know Him, and in Jesus I can be His son. I write my songs about this liberating miracle. All that I do in my life is a response to God's love towards me. The Bible says He had loved us even before we were born. There is no other response to this great love than standing in awe of the personality of God which transcends all imagination.

Many people love your songs and grow in their faith through them, but you probably also get some negative feedback or even aggressive criticism. How do you handle them?

I think this has a lot to do with temperament. In my life, in my career, I have met lots of people who could not care less about what people told them, and they were able to go on as if nothing had happened at all. I think it is really important not to overestimate praises like 'you were so cool, it was such a great concert!' I dismiss these. For the same reason, a negative opinion will not upset me either, I try to stand somewhere in the middle. If someone loves what I do, I praise God for it. Of course, every now and then, there are people who do not like something about me, and I hear about that as well.

I do filter the comments which appear on Facebook and on YouTube. I do not control opinions, but if the commenter uses bad language or obscene words, I do not let them go public. Honestly, we do come across those some-

times, but they don't freak me out because I've toughened up. Ever since I played the first note on the piano or released my first tape, I have constantly had to face negative comments like, 'This is not the way to do it!'. When I made my first children's album, somebody gave me the 'friendly advice' to forget it at once because there was no need for that type of children's music.

If I had ever paid attention to these comments, I would probably have given up my music career at the very beginning, and I would never have become such a useful tool in the Master's hands, and He could not have accomplished in and through me all that He had planned for my life.

For decades you have been leading worship, travelling through the country, giving innumerable concerts. Don't you get tired? How much longer do you

think you will be able to continue doing this?

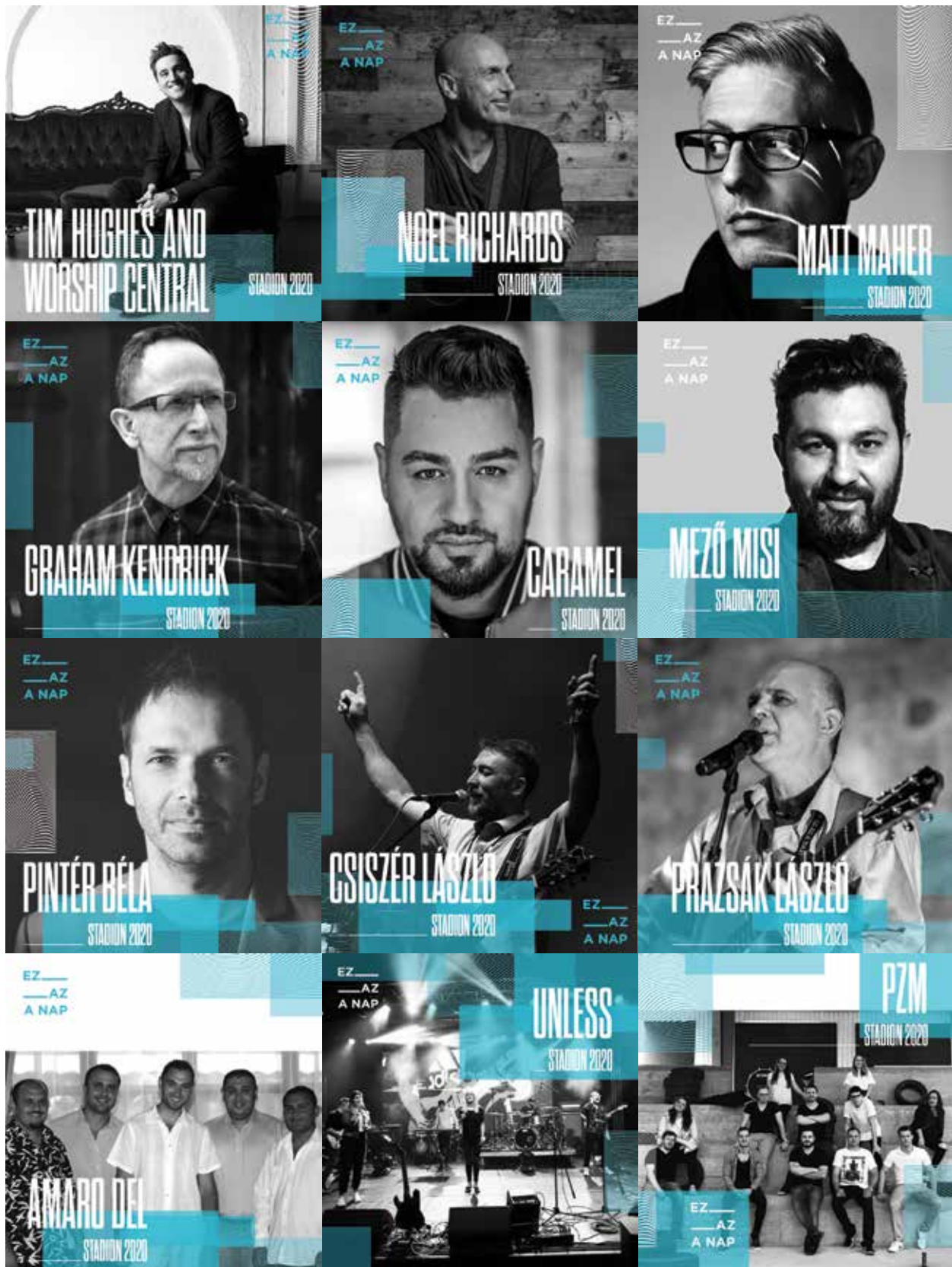
My answer is very simple - I want to be doing it as long as God wants me to be doing it. I was not the one who decided the starting point of my ministry, and it is not my job to decide when it should end either. As long as I am receiving songs from God, I would like to share them.



STADION 2020 ARTISTS

International and Hungarian performers announced so far.





More announcements coming soon!



Snapshot from
This Is The Day! 2019

BUDAPEST ARENA RESOUNDED WITH GOD'S GLORY IN 2019 TOO

We look back with a grateful heart to This Is The Day! on 1st June 2019 when Budapest Arena was again filled with people worshipping and seeking God. Planetshakers, Pat Barrett, King's Village, Noel Richards, and, as usual, many Hungarian worship leaders praised the Lord with us.



I am the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus said in the book of John. This year's main theme was the truth, and we heard a clear testimony about it not only from the singers on the stage but from all those who shared the word with us (Dr. Laszlo Gorove, Jozsef Kiss, Rudy Nikkerud and Viktor Laszlo). At 4 pm sharp, the thousand-member This Is The Day! choir began to sing, accompanied by Joy Gospel symphonic orchestra conducted by Dr Kornél Almási. The choir and orchestra performed more songs later that

evening. They were followed by the worship band Unless, Illés Dobner, and Heléna Durkó who all led us to deeper worship. After that, for the first time ever at a This Is The Day! event, Friderika sang several songs, including – obviously – her great success at the Eurovision Song Contest, 'To whom can I tell my sins?'. In the first international worship section, Pat Barrett and King's Village worshipped God together at first, and 'Good Good Father' was later also sung in Hungarian by András Gável and Gellért Gável.



After this, Dics-Suli Band and Hanna sang one of the most beloved songs of recent years, 'Oceans', in Hungarian. Noel Richards, our good old friend and one of the greatest inspirations for 'This Is The Day!' events accepted our invitation again, just like the three pioneers of modern Hungarian praise and worship music, László Prazsák, Béla Pintér, and László Csiszér.

Viktor László, founder of This Is The Day! events, shared a brief recap of the last two decades, presenting his vision for the new Puskás Aréna, which he got from God 20 years ago. This dream will finally be fulfilled on July 18, 2020. The worship of God will resound in the biggest building in Hungary. Noel Richards also encouraged the audience to take part in next year's event and to be active in ministry.

The highlight of the evening was the performance of our Australian friends – Planetshakers. By listening to and singing their dynamic songs, our hearts were beating as one. Between the songs, the band members gave testimonies about their faith and encouraged the audience to fully commit their lives to the service of God. It was a great joy to see a show of hands for all those who

responded to this invitation. We enjoy a good atmosphere, and God's worship is really important to us, but the most important part of our events is when somebody decides to follow God. We are very grateful that we could witness many such decisions that night. Thank you all for coming to this event and celebrating our Father with us. We are very grateful to our volunteers, to those who ministered, and to everyone who contributed in any way to this year's event.

Csiszér Laci
and Prazsák Laci



Noel Richards



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Praise the Lord Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people. Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King. Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp. For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.

Psalms 149:1-4

Jesus is the truth



Planetshakers



Pat Barrett



WHAT THIS IS THE DAY! MEANS TO ME...

We do not organize our events to meet foreign stars or have a great time together. Our goal is to build community and fellowship – and even more importantly, to proclaim the Good News of God. You will be able to read below some personal testimonies of what This Is The Day! means to some attendants.

I am Roland, 18 years old. I would like to share with you that my life changed on June 30. When I was a child, we attended church services. I was mostly touched by the picturesque environment, the beauty of nature, but not God's presence. The divorce of my parents was a big crisis in my life. As I recall, I felt like God had abandoned me. I did not blame Him, but I remained indifferent towards Him. My brother told me about Jesus, and only then did I start to understand what God's Word, the Bible meant and who Jesus really was. For two or three years, it seemed like what I liked to call our 'heart-to-heart' chats did not have any impact on me at all. However, the seeds had been sown. He invited me to a music festival at Margaret Island, and I suspected it would be related to Christianity. But I still went.

I liked the music, especially Béla Pintér and the Csemeték. I was surprised to find out that rap music and faith were not mutually exclusive. I paid careful attention to the preaching. When they gave an invitation to those who wanted

to give their lives to God, at first, I did not move. But when they repeated the invitation a second time, I went forward. It was like it was not really me who responded. I repeated the prayer, and all night, I was shouting for joy and waving a flag. I was so jubilant – as a child, I had thought that nothing exciting would happen to me. However, since my conversion, I daily experience unusual things and great blessings. I have made a lot of Christian friends. I pray and often experience that God gives me wisdom and the right answers to my questions.

I do suggest that you should come to this event and listen to the music. Think long and hard about what and who they sing about. Pay attention to the preaching and have an open heart, because your life can take a U-turn, and this is true! I am a living example. /Roland/



Six years ago, I met a man who has since become my husband. I felt that he was different from those I had met before. He told me one night that he was a Christian and was walking with God. He read to me a lot from the Bible and told me his testimonies, and then he invited me to the worship concert of Planetshakers. I was afraid of going, and I did not want to be there too early, thinking it would be embarrassing not knowing what to do at such an event. When we entered the Arena, I started to calm down, but I wanted us to stand in the back, far away from everyone. I did not

know what to expect since I had never been to any type of Christian event before. To understand what happened, it is important to know that my parents had divorced but I had never talked to anyone about my feelings about it. The worship started, and then the singer told us her testimony, and she mentioned that her parents had also divorced but God took care of her in that situation. I felt so touched that all I could do was cry – I opened my heart to God and invited Jesus into my life. I am very grateful for that event organized by This Is The Day!, as it played a major role in my salvation. /Tünde/

When I think of This Is The Day!, I always think of a community – a fellowship of people who differ in age, come from various religious backgrounds, and live in different cities but are still unified by a common goal and the love they received from God and show to one another. I always meet cheerful, helpful, and humble people there, regardless of the size and place of the event. Faith is our common ground and creates the harmony among us. When we serve God in our nation and beyond, I feel – even if only for a short time – like the world faded into the background along with our problems. Meeting God, building His kingdom, and praising Him connect us here on earth and in heaven. If I have a chance, I always agree to be a volunteer, and I cannot wait for the next event. To me, these programmes are not only about that particular day, the concert, the singers, or the speakers, but about soul-refreshing encounters with friends, brothers and sisters. This Is The Day! is not just a fun pastime; it represents a view of life that I myself confess and believe: that God has the solution to the questions of life and His mercy still endures. /Szilvia/

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Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1Peter 1,8–9



THIS IS THE DAY! IS ALL ABOUT YOU!

Without you we could not do our programmes. We are very grateful for all of you, and we especially appreciate any contribution to the events.

We organise our events for you and with you, and our aim is to create a fellowship, a community. Our own resources would not be sufficient for the implementation of our programmes; therefore, we need your active participation. First of all, we ask you to keep us in your prayers because that is the foundation. If you are also able to volunteer or financially support our mission, please contact us.

We are also looking for people who would like to actively participate in promoting the This Is The Day! event on 18th June 2020 to be held at Ferenc Puskás Arena in Budapest. You can distribute our leaflets or tickets at your church, workplace, or community, or you can organise a group for the bus trip. Let's fill the Stadium together!

We would like to have an even more close-knit community, so we created a special Facebook group (Friends of This Is The Day!) where everyone is welcome. What's more, we try to frequently inform you about the latest information regarding the event on Instragam and other online social media platforms. On our website, you can also register to our newsletter which we usually send out monthly.



Gathering before
the 2019 event



HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

PRAY

Please pray for our mission.

VOLUNTEERING

Be our volunteer! Help our mission according to your abilities as you can.

AMBASSADOR

Be our ambassador. Please represent us in your church and community, promoting our events, mobilising your friends and encouraging them to participate in our events.

BUS ORGANISER

We kindly encourage communities, youth groups, and congregations to organise groups and travel together to our event. We will cover the cost of the bus rides, but we are looking for local organisers.

DONATION

We need financial donations as well because the ticket revenue only covers part of our expenses. If you can, please support our mission with your one-time or regular donations.

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You can find all of our relevant news and information on our Facebook page (Ez az a nap!). Additionally, we share our photos and videos of the events in galleries, and we try to have live broadcasts as well.

If you would like to follow more closely the preparations of our jubilee concert (in July 18th, 2020), please join our Facebook group called Friends of This Is The Day!, where we also share some exclu-

sive information. You are invited to be an active participant of the group, sharing your comments, questions, and testimonies.

Please indicate your participation at Ez az a nap! 2020 - Az Élet (This Is The Day! 2020 - The Life) Facebook event and invite your friends as well!



Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Romans 12:10

FOLLOW OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE!

Of course, we are also present on Instagram where we publish posts and share frequent information about our events and the life of This Is The Day!. Follow us on Instagram too!



WORSHIP AT WEMBLEY STADIUM AND THE HUNGARIAN CONNECTION

Les Moir is a leader at Integrity Music who played a major role in contemporary Christian music in recent decades. In his writing, he looks back on the road from the '97 Wembley Stadium event to the establishment of the Hungarian connection.

In early 1994 I travelled to Brazil after hearing they had started to do March for Jesus there and was pleased to see close to 1 million Christians gathered to declare their faith on the streets of Sao Paulo. Whilst I was there my host showed me a video of Brazilian Christians gathering in stadium to worship Jesus. Feeling inspired, when I got back to the UK I told Noel Richards about it all. Noel responded that God had put a similar thing in his heart, concerning Wembley Stadium.

Noel had seen Queen live at Wembley on the television back in 1986. There were 78,000 people at the concert with their hands in the air singing 'We are the Cham-

pions of the World' and the vanity of it resonated with Noel. 'There was so much energy in it, and yet it really meant nothing. There's only one champion of the world and that's Jesus' – Noel explained. That's where the idea of a stadium praise concert was birthed. I felt this was a vision from God and Noel and I, started the journey toward Wembley together.

I was producing Noel's albums and I encouraged him and his wife Tricia to write more anthemic and rockier songs. We recorded the Warrior album, which included the song Champion. This was released in the autumn of 1994. Noel then started to tour the UK and Europe sharing the vision and calling people to come to Wembley stadium event. I also encouraged Noel to include the vision on the album sleeve notes that we were going to Wembley, although at the time we felt this was just a God-given dream. It was an adventure to support Noel on this journey. Our first goal was to see Wembley Arena filled, which holds 11,000 people. In 1996 we took the Arena and it was sold out with 6 weeks



to go, so the next step was to book the Stadium. The Stadium event happened in Wembley in June 1997 when close to 50,000 worshippers gathered to declare Jesus as the 'Champion of the World.'

I was grateful that Noel trusted me enough to share his dream with me and it was my privilege to play a part in seeing this happen.

Around this time, a couple of the intercessors wrote to Noel saying that Wembley wasn't the end but the beginning and that there were three other stadiums to worship in. These were Berlin, Budapest & Barcelona. Noel considered this and felt to go for Berlin first.

This event was called Calling All Nations and this took place in Berlin Olympic stadium in 2006.

A video was made of the Wembley Stadium event directed masterfully by Stephen Bennett which featured a shot of someone holding up a Hungarian flag toward the close of the video. Viktor László saw this and was so impacted that he felt one day a stadium worship event should happen in Budapest. Viktor contacted Noel and invited him to Hungary. There was an immediate heart connection with Noel and Viktor and they began to dream together about building toward a stadium gathering.

I first met Viktor in Berlin at one of the pre-stadium concerts and found him to be a man of vision who I was confident was the right person to partner with. I began coming across to the This is the Day events and have been working closely with International worship leaders and artists encouraging them to come to Budapest.

I am still amazed that the intercessors prophesied about Budapest before we knew of Viktor and before Viktor had watched the Wembley video. The purpose of God will be fulfilled and I believe that the Puskás stadium event is in the purpose and will of God.



THE START OF A CAREER

MARTIN SMITH: THE BEGINNINGS

If there ever was someone who was created to be a musician, Martin was that person. In this article we look back at how Martin Smith's musical career started as the front man of the former Delirious? band.



Martin Smith & Band
in Budapest (2016)

Martin contracted bronchial pneumonia when he was 6 months old, and he was placed in an oxygen tent at the hospital to help him breathe. His parents prayed that God would breathe into his lungs again and he would make a noise! If this happened they decided they would dedicate their son to God's service. Their request was answered and Martin recovered. He went on to make a big sound around the world with the songs that we love. When he was a child it was clearly seen that he had been something special and he was different to other kids. When he was 8 years old, he decided to serve God

and began to ask many questions of faith - he had lots of questions, and was looking for the answers. His parents provided their family with a stable Christian home and he grew in his love for God.

Martin is now married to Anna and they have 6 children, always a welcoming family looking out for people of all walks of life. One Hungarian girl called Eszter helped them in their home when their children were young and reported that there were always visitors and always fun!

Martin was 13 years old when his Dad asked him to play for the church youth group. Quickly, he learnt three chords, and he began to lead worship. Then he saw Gra-

ham Kendrick lead at the Spring Harvest festival and he felt he had seen a part of his destiny. From this time, he started to write songs and lyrics, and has been doing this ever since. Later, he became a sound engineer in a recording studio and has been using these skills ever since then so he can record his songs in his home studio. Afterwards, one of his friends invited him to an exciting church service where he met his future wife, Anna. It is amazing that Anna's two older sisters got married to the keyboard player and drummer of Delirious? so there were three brother-in-laws in that band! Soon after that they started the worship evenings called 'Cutting Edge' where they gathered young people from all over the UK to worship. Martin wrote songs for that event each month which they recorded. Amazingly they started to travel around the globe and into many hearts and became the anthems for a generation of youth.

During this time Martin and his wife experienced a life threatening car crash. They were driving home late one night and hit a wall. The fire fighters never thought that they would be able to rescue anyone from the wreck car but he escaped with just a broken leg. Whilst in hospital he realised his vision to make music his full time job. He asked his band members and they also said yes - this became the story of how the Delirious? band started and lasted until 2009. Their most famous songs are: Rain Down, Majesty, Lord You Have My Heart, Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?, and I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever - these are known all over the world.

After these episodes, their story is well-known - millions of people listened to them in concert and through their recordings. Martin has remained an active artist after the band broke up and has visited Hungary several times with his band mates. Martin Smith has been an active participant of the Road Show between 2019 and 2020, and he will be a main performer in our Stadium 2020 event as well.



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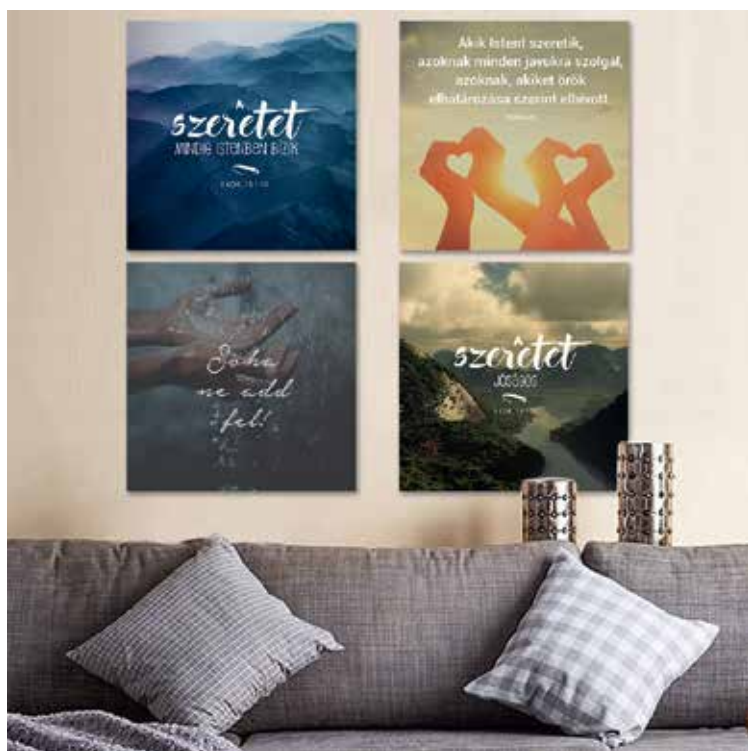
Our products sold at our events and on our website:
T-shirts, canvas pictures, mugs, gifts, CDs.

In our webshop, the following products are available for purchase: albums of international worship bands and CDs of the voice recordings from earlier This Is The Day! events, unique canvas pictures, mugs with special scripts, other gifts and our own branded clothes.

The brand TITD BUDAPEST is the abbreviation of This Is The Day! which means Ez az a nap! in Hungarian. The clothing products are made from 100% cotton, and the pictures and texts on them are about our faith and hope which we have found in Jesus. It is our aim to boldly wear these products and carry on conversations about their

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Laci Prazsák
at Budapest Arena
in 2019

AN ENCOURAGING WORD BY LÁSZLÓ PRAZSÁK

What do I expect from this forthcoming big stadium event? Unity, love, friendship, the outpour and the fire of the Holy Spirit, salvations, healings, deliverances – so I expect all that is usually involved where God's kingdom appears. To me, this event is a powerful teaching from God about the way He works. First, He plants the seed, then He nurtures it, waters it, and then He expects acts of faith from us which express that we trust in Him. And then something we could never do by ourselves happens. We will be able to worship the Almighty God in the biggest stadium of the country.

László Prazsák

WE MUST BELIEVE

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Father God I'm asking You,
Where my life is heading to,
What's more left, that I will face,
May my strength last through it all,
But I know,

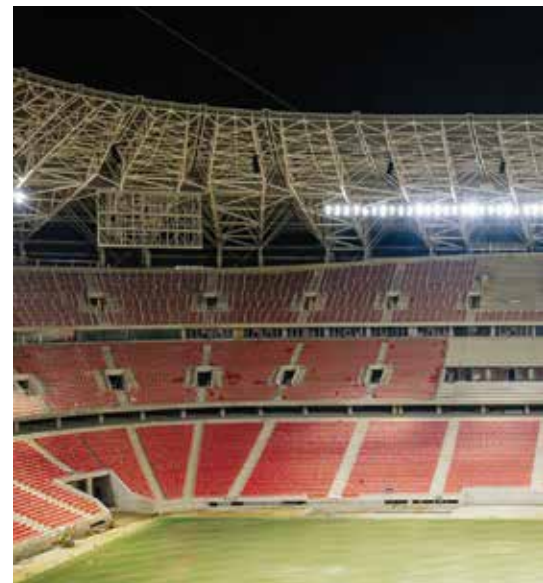
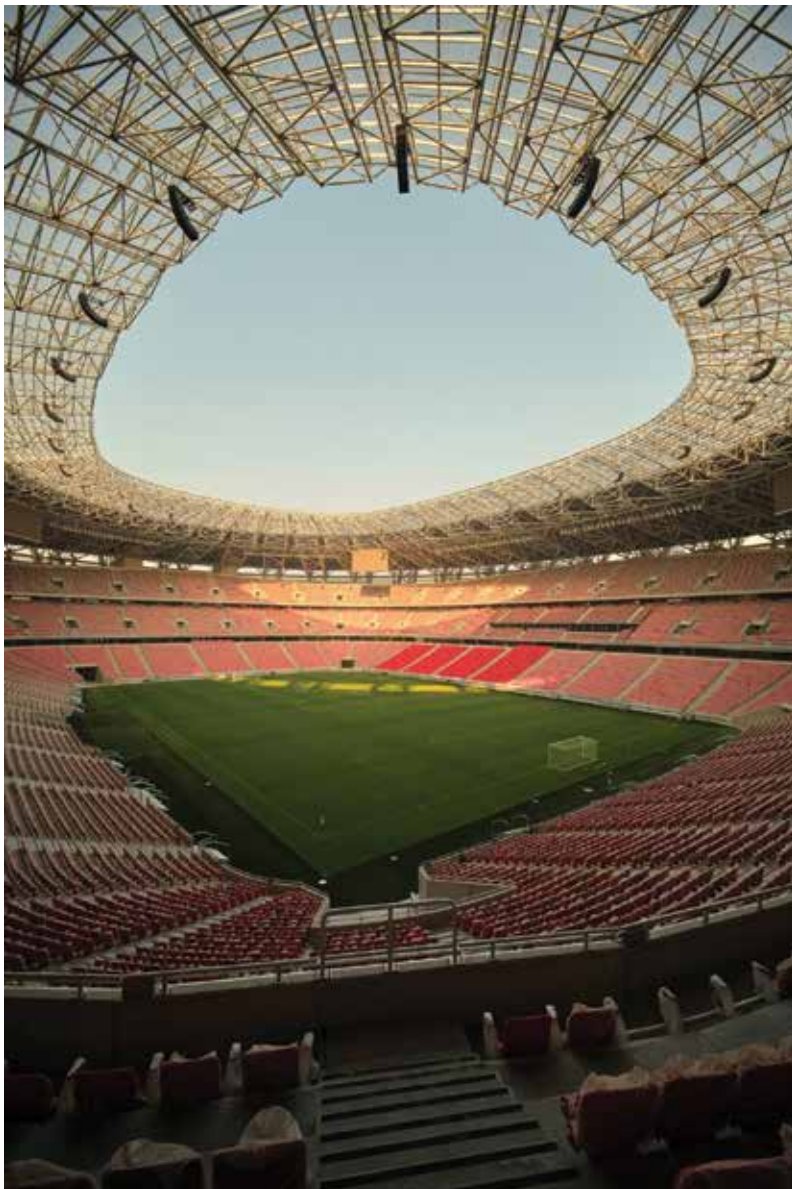
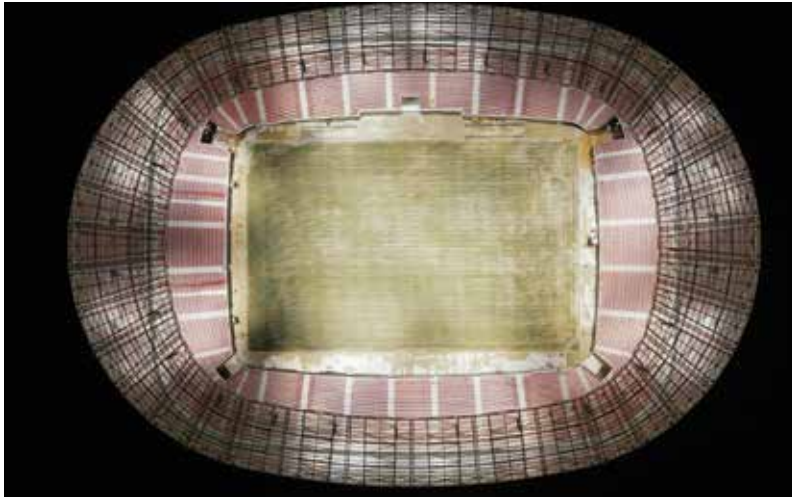
We must believe, fight with power,
Love with all of our hearts,
We must see, the goal ahead,
Run with joy until the end.

And at last we'll gonna see the Lord,
In his hands holding a golden crown,
That every victor shall receive, I know

Father God, I'm asking You,
Where's my nation heading to?
Where are those, who fight for You,
Who turn upside down this world?

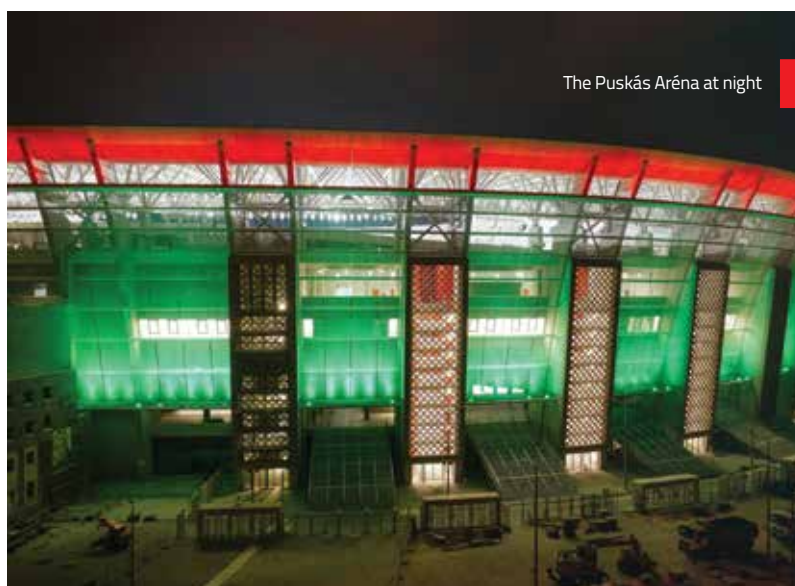
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Sunset behind
the newly built arena



The Puskás Aréna at night

The background image shows the interior of the Puskás Aréna stadium. The upper portion features a complex, white steel truss roof structure against a clear sky. Below the roof, the stadium's seating tiers are visible, though the lower sections are mostly empty. A teal-colored semi-transparent overlay covers the entire image, providing a uniform background for the text.

PUSKÁS ARÉNA, BUDAPEST - FEATURES

- maximum capacity of the stadium is 67,155
- the three-level grandstand covers 36,374 m²
- the coverage of the building itself is 60,703 m², the full coverage of the stadium and its environment is 208,010 m²
- with its height of 51 metres, it is one of the tallest buildings in Budapest
- the builders used several architectural solutions and characteristic features from the original Népstadion
- the demolished concrete elements were utilised in the new building
- the volume of reinforced concrete used would be enough to build 75 ten-storey blocks of flats (150,000 m³)
- the amount of steel that was used would be enough for two bridges like Elisabeth bridge in Budapest (10,000 tons)
- visitors will be able to use 27 lifts, 480 screens and 714 toilets



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