

2023 / SPRING

THIS IS THE DAY! MAGAZINE

STADIUM FLASHBACKS

Accounts and testimonies from Puskás Arena with lots of photos

THROUGH THEIR EYES

We asked performers about their experience of that day

DEVOTIONAL ARTICLES

Bible topics, inspirational writings



**A MIRACLE COME TRUE:
Forty thousand of us
worshipped together in the
stadium of the nation!**



6

Interview with Viktor László



30

The weather miracle



46

Interview with
Abrahám Pajor

12

Your words



18

About the God who heals



36

Trusting in God

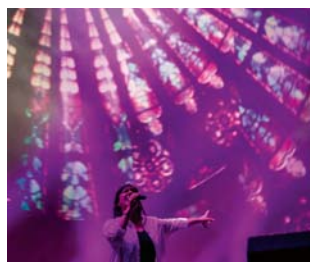


54

Testimonies from
the stadium

58

Through their words



24

Coffee and a stethoscope



44

About the background
of the stadium

80

How to live victoriously

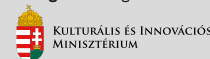
This is the day! Magazine 2023 / SPRING

Published by: Ez az a nap! Alapítvány
Address: 1032 Budapest
Bécsi út 189. 1/3.
Phone: +36 1 436-9865
E-mail: info@thisistheday.hu
Web: www.thisistheday.hu
Free of charge/Gratis

Chief publisher: Viktor László—
President of the Advisory Board
Chief editor: Áron Rencsényi
Typography, prepress: Gábor Molnár
Press: Magyar Közlöny
Lap- és Könyvkiadó Kft.

Donations to support our events
and our magazine can be made to:
'Ez az a nap! Alapítvány'
Registration no.: 01-01-0012709
Bank account: IBAN HU111703044-
21455364-00000000
Thank you!

Facebook: facebook.com/ezazanap.hu
YouTube: youtube.com/ezazanap
Instagram: instagram.com/ezazanap
Online magazin: magazin.ezazanap.hu



Dear Reader,

Worship soared to the skies in the nation's new stadium!

Thank you all for coming to Puskás Arena on July 23rd, 2022 so that we could praise our heavenly Father together and experience the communion of brothers and sisters. It was heartwarming to walk through the rows and see all the sparkling eyes and smiling faces. We are immensely grateful for all the messages, testimonies, photos, and videos you have shared with us ever since. It is uplifting to read your accounts of lives changed and souls renewed. We are absolutely jubilant that God blessed so many of you, and it is humbling to know that we have been a part of that.

We want to encourage you to take the fire that was fanned into flames in your hearts, and spread it in your homes, congregations, communities. Keep reading the Jesus Bible given to you as a gift, as it contains the living Word of God through which He wants to speak to you. Be in fellowship, nurture the faith, worship God!

The photos and videos taken at the event have been published on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel. Seek them out for the songs, testimonies, and messages shared. You may want to join our Friends of This Is The Day! Facebook group where

you can find the testimonies, accounts, photos, and videos of other participants.

We are grateful to the performers and speakers for accepting our invitation, enhancing the event and drawing us all closer to God. We want to thank each and every one of our national and international guests for their participation and for standing with us and encouraging us through the past 20 years, on the journey leading to this stadium.

A special thanks to our many volunteers who helped arrange this monumental event. Thank you for serving God, assisting with logistics, welcoming performers as well as distributing the Jesus Bibles, all with a big smile and radiant joy. Without you, we could not have done it.

We want to also thank all the technical staff, those designing and building the stage, managing sound and lighting, recording, and all who used their expertise in the background.

Most of all, we want to thank God for giving us life and salvation. We wanted this day because of our love for Him, and He is the one we want to keep praising day to day.

Viktor László
Viktor László
founder, chief organizer



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1–4



A MIRACLE COME TRUE: FORTY THOUSAND OF US WORSHIPED TOGETHER IN THE STADIUM OF THE NATION!

After the pandemic, and all the uncertainties, in the midst of a war nearby and an economic recession, on July 23rd, 2022, we were finally able to get together in Puskás Arena to praise our Lord and Creator and to fellowship with one another.

Our hearts are grateful that after a two-year delay, a period of long preparation and hopeful waiting, we could have this special event celebrating the 20th anniversary of This is the day! There were more than forty thousand people present from over thirty nations, coming from all over the Carpathian basin and the wider region.

Despite the sweltering heat, many were there from the very beginning, in fact, the sound of praise could be heard on the special trains and buses headed to the event. As the afternoon turned into evening, the bleachers were filled, and after a short and refreshing rain, all were thrilled to sing to God, listen to the inspirational thoughts being shared, and pray in unison for peace, and for the spiritual renewal of Hungary.

At this convention, all denominations were present with one accord, from the Catholic Church to Faith Church, from Lutherans and Calvinists to Baptists and Pentecostals as well as the members of numerous smaller fellowships. We have always placed special

importance on being interdenominational, so we organized the program with the intention of involving representatives of the various denominations.

The program consisted of musical performances by well-known national and international Christian musicians, with short messages in between. Several of the performers have stood by our movement in the past twenty years, for instance, Noel Richards from Britain, who organized a similar worship event in Wembley Stadium in 1997. Martin Smith returned to us after taking our Roadshow to 23 cities, and we were especially thrilled that he was accompanied by Stu G, the guitarist of Delirious?. We heard upbeat gospel melodies performed by the London Community Gospel Choir and Noel Robinson, profoundly worshipful songs from veteran Graham Kendrick, and lively songs from Tim Hughes, and Gas Street Music. Highlights of the evening included beautiful worship music performed by three-time Grammy winner Michael W. Smith, and Bethel Music

from California. Planetshakers from Australia closed the program with a terrific performance.

Naturally, most of the beautiful songs were sung in Hungarian, the whole stadium acting like one huge choir. What really mattered was not who was on the stage but who the song of thanksgiving rose to. In this intimate praise and worship, we were led by PZM, Hidden Kingdom, Hermons, Dics-Suli Band, Crux (from Upper Hungary, now Slovakia), Gergő Oláh, Keresztkérdés, András and Gellért Gábel along with Misi Mező, Calvary Chapel with Heléna, András Hellinger, and Illés Dobner, Caramel, Új Forrás, Laci Csiszér, László Praszák, Hanna, and Béla Pintér. Regretfully, Amaro Del could not travel from Transcarpathia, so they sent a video message. We also sang the national anthem, led by opera singer István Kovács, and followed by the prayers of the heads of churches. We closed the night by saying the Lord's Prayer together.

We are grateful for having a close relationship with the believers of surrounding nations, and



We exalted our
Savior God on this day

many of them were represented in those stands. We deemed it important for them to be represented on the stage as well, so our Romanian fellow believers were represented by Not an Idol from Moldova, the Slovaks by Marian Lipovsky (Timothy) and Julius Slovak (Godzone), the Polish by Mate.O. Andrej Grozdanov guitar

player and Emanuel came from Croatia, Darijo Sehić from Serbia, and Tadej Vindiš from Slovenia. German speaking people were represented by Juri Friesen, the leader of Outbreakband.

Between performers, we listened to testimonies and inspirational messages shared by József Baranyi, Dániel D. Szabó, Zsuzsa

Görgey, Virág Győri, József Kiss, Viktor László, Dávid Nemes, Lajos Rácz, János Szeverényi, and László Varga. The gospel was preached by pastor Sámuel Mike.

We are grateful to God for showering His blessings on this day, and we are thankful to all who attended.

“

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Psalms 95:1–3



This was the day!



The stadium was filled with the sound of praise



Even the flags proclaimed Jesus



We rejoiced and sang before the Lord



Virág Györi testified of her healing



Thousands joined Béla Pinter in singing

THE VISION WAS FULFILLED, THE STADIUM WAS FILLED – GLORY TO GOD!

Our hearts are grateful as we look back on July 23rd, 2022, when we gathered in Puskás Arena to exalt our Savior God. It had been a long road, full of rough patches, trials, and difficulties, but our Creator never let go of our hands. Viktor László, the founder and chief organizer of This is the day! has cherished the vision for over two decades that one day we will gather in the greatest stadium of the nation and cry out to God together. Here is an interview with him about what that day meant to him.

After the pandemic, and the double delay, how did you feel when it was finally decided that the event would actually take place?

It was somewhat similar to what I experienced as a soldier in the late 80's. We often had war games, shackles of the old regime, which differ from real war in one aspect only: we were not using live ammo. I can compare the situation to such a military exercise: all we did before was preparation, and on July 23rd, the time for the real battle came. Battle in the positive sense, of course. We were fighting the good fight of faith, and at last, we were indeed there in the stadium, with Jesus. After the pandemic, in the midst of the war going on in a neighboring country, surrounded by economic uncertainties, but standing on the winning side, in the huge arena of the nation. It was a good fight, an afternoon full of victorious battle cries, fighting for Jesus.

Did you ever waver in your conviction that this day would come or were you able to trust

in God's promise without hesitation?

Twenty-four years ago, a vision was born in my heart that one day the stadium would be filled with worshipers. During this time, there have been very inspiring stages, in fact, a few times we seemed to be at the brink of its fulfilment. However, the upper stands in the old stadium were closed down due to a construction failure, and in the end, it was decided that instead of reopening them, a new stadium should be built. We were so close to the promised land and yet we could not enter to conquer it. However, all these hardships did nothing but reinforce the fact that the fulfilment of the vision was the perfect and sacred will of God, scheduled for exactly this time.

Nothing proves it more than the fact that when it looked like we could finally have the event in the summer of 2020, a worldwide pandemic broke out, canceling our plans. The next year, we found out that vaccination was not wide-spread enough, people were afraid, and the borders were closed. It was like an obstacle

course, like a maze, but God led us through and our motivation just kept getting stronger. The uncertainties were used by God to increase our strength. When the war broke out in Ukraine, it created a situation similar to the pandemic being declared. Nevertheless, we are grateful that fellow believers came even from Ukraine, filling more than ten buses, and the stadium became a meeting point, since there were some who had fled earlier and were able to see their loved ones there.

God especially blessed the fact that we endured during this 24-year journey and kept believing in His promise. It is like when you really trust in something but do not see it in front of you, in fact, even the traces of it are gone. You can only hold on to the fact that God promised it and He always keeps His promises. We had a prophetic revelation that through these difficulties, the event would be even more powerful. When we said goodbye late at night, after distributing the Jesus Bibles, we could see that the word guiding us through the

whole thing, hand in hand with Jesus, was indeed from the Lord.

Organizing the event was an enormous task, you practically had to pull it together within a few months. How were you able to take care of everything?

The last few days ended up being quite surreal for every detail to fall into place. It took a week to build the stage and accurately install 25 truckloads of equipment in order to provide state-of-the-art lighting, sound and visual technology. We reserved over 200 rooms for the guests at the hotel next to the stadium. More than 200 buses came from within and across the borders, and six special trains arrived from major cities of Hungary.

I am grateful for the extreme commitment of the small band of organizers; without them, this program could not have been put together. Our volunteers helped conscientiously, and all external partners involved also offered their expertise. Everyone did their best, that is how it could be done.

The program was very colorful. What were the aspects for choosing the performers?

For us, the most important thing was to be friends with those stepping on the stage and to know that their hearts are passionate for praising Jesus. It was not our intention to invite famous people; we wanted to invite brothers and sisters in Christ. We know every performer very well. International performers know that This is the day! is a recurring worship event in Hungary, and we know they are anointed ministers in the area of praise and worship. It was friends standing on that stage, many of them close friends who walked with us through this 22-year journey and regularly or occasionally participated at our events.

How do they feel about us and about what is going on within the Hungarian Church?

I have had the opportunity to speak with several of them in person, and every such instance was a huge testimony. These artists travel all over the world, they minister overseas, in Africa, in European countries, in Australia, and they all emphasized that what they experienced here was unique and deeply moving.

It is their hope that the fire we all felt would start spreading, taking the sparks to beyond the borders and bringing fruit everywhere. Many feel that Hungary would be the center of an upcoming revival. They were emphatically grateful to have witnessed the developments happening within the Hungarian Church, and they rejoiced to have been a part of it.

In the midst of all the tasks, how did you personally expect July 23rd?

As the stadium event was drawing close, I felt like a child whose birthday is drawing near. Nothing else matters, you just want that cake on the table and all your loved ones around it. There, in the stadium, we could light that imaginary candle and the light, the fire that emanates from God's heart was able to be poured out and touch people.

It is no ordinary feeling standing on an enormous stage like that and welcoming all who gathered. But the moment finally came, This is the day! happened at last. As we read in the psalms: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad



Viktor László
holding a Jesus Bible

in it" (Psalm 118:24). It happened right in front of our eyes: the psalm came alive!

How did you feel during those hours spent at the stadium?

I was reminded of the words of the apostle John: "the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us" (1 John 1:2). To me, that had become the motto of the stadium, and it was in line with the theme of the day which was LIFE. Life was made manifest, and we saw it, and do we need any greater evidence than the fact that of over 30 nations, thousands of people set out to go to this place in order to praise the name of Jesus? It was also important that the gospel was preached; we proclaimed eternal life to those who had not yet received Jesus as their personal Savior.

I am grateful for the smooth execution. It is quite an accomplishment, since this is a brand new stadium, and it was an unpracticed situation for local management as well as the technical, security, and emergency staff.

As time went by, many of us had the feeling that Jesus had somehow stopped over Hungary, and we wished He would tarry here. Just like Zacchaeus climbed into that tree and cried out to Jesus, so we started crying out to heaven. We believe that Jesus stopped for those few hours and was there to the end, not just for a moment. The whole struggle of the past two decades was worth it, because I could feel the spiritual weight of the happenings and experience the touch of God. The vision was fulfilled, the stadium filled—glory to God! To me, that was the greatest testimony.

What effect did the sweltering heat, then the cooling rain have on you?

The weather miracle was absolutely breathtaking. We had

been checking weather reports weeks, even months beforehand, and we kept praying that God would bless us with a pleasant summer day and 25–26-degree (77 to 79 °F) weather. Early afternoon, that seemed impossible, but shortly after the start, fluffy clouds appeared, granting shade in the heat. Then came a light shower, just enough to refresh us, but not drenching anyone, and we got our pleasant weather for the rest of the day. I felt like Elijah must have felt when praying for the little palm-sized cloud in the time of drought. I believe this also has spiritual significance: there is spiritual drought in our land, but God is sending rain.

How did you feel as the event came to a close?

I stayed at the stadium for several days afterwards because it took three days to take apart what had taken a week to build. Watching the stage being dismantled, I could really praise God that all of this had happened. That is when I truly realized that what we had waited for so long had happened indeed. I was relieved that it was a success, that everything fell into place, that every single ticket was sold, which meant that all the seats we had fought and prayed for years were taken.

I believe that everything happened according to God's script. The fact that the event was realized two years later than originally planned—with all the struggle and uncertainty involved—was beneficial in strengthening the organizational team, the supporting pastors, the cooperation of churches. After such a difficult season, there was a different hunger present, therefore God gave even greater nourishment, as evidenced by a mighty outpouring of the Spirit.

What feedback did you receive concerning that from the participants?

We have received countless testimonies, each and every one

reaffirming the fact that organizing this great event was well worth it. Lives were changed, recommitted, renewed in faith, miracles experienced, enthusiasm increased, and so on and so forth. Our pastor friends also told us that after the event, the life of the congregation reached a new level. We are grateful for that, because on that day, we gathered together in unity, glorifying our Father and preaching the gospel. That day is gone now, but the aftereffects are still with us: participants returned to their local communities spreading the good news and proclaiming the kingdom of God. And what really matters is that we live our everyday lives like that, without the stadium.

I was moved by many of the testimonies personally. I will just mention one. Not an Idol from Moldova was only given time to sing one song in Romanian, but we heard later that Hungarians living in Romania began to cry when they heard that God was being praised in the Romanian language in this Hungarian stadium. This goes to prove that even the bands receiving very little time had a spiritual significance that was worth all the organizational challenges and the enormous technical apparatus.

We also received very positive feedback from the performers themselves. All those ministering on the stage, which we called an altar, continued the next season of their ministry enriched with a new experience, having gained fresh momentum, even greater fire and hope.

Looking back now, a few months later, how would you evaluate that day?

When an event is over, participants return to their homes, and they are left with the beautiful memories. We, however, are left with intense post-production tasks, including handling media

and press relations, audio processing, publishing photos and videos. Our colleagues have been working tirelessly in the background so that what we experienced in the stadium could be turned into lasting memories. On our YouTube and Facebook page, we have shared over a hundred videos recorded in HD quality and mixed in studio quality, and through these, we are still present in the lives of our brothers and sisters.

It is our confidence that through this blessed edification, we can be present in the lives of friends and their families day after day. All of this on top of the channels previously established, for instance our radio broadcast, our online magazine, or our Spotify playlists. Our YouTube channel is the most popular, 30 to 40 thou-

sand songs are played daily. This means there is constant worship going on in our land and in the whole Carpathian basin without an actual physical encounter. Regretfully, Hungary has often been described as depressed, lacking a lightness of spirit characteristic of other nations. I believe that through our mission, we are able to elevate ordinary days and help people have a deeper experience of a connection with God.

The stadium event was a one-time happening, a 20th anniversary celebration. What can we know about the future? What plans does This is the day! have?

This monumental event may be a bridge leading into the next season. It could spread to other regions of the country or pour out to other nations. It is a part of our vision to have similar This is

the day! events on a regional, or even international, level. However, our plans are always defined by God. We received the vision for the stadium from His hands, and we have given it back to Him. We keep asking Him to show us the way, give us a vision and opportunities. Our goal is for there to be more and more worshipers in Central-Eastern Europe. We wish to remain a catalyst in this process, continually inviting the Spirit of God into our lives, our communities, our nation. I believe this is the time of gathering, of visitation, as the harvest has begun.



WE GATHERED TO GIVE THANKS TOGETHER ON THE SHIP A38 FOR THE SUMMER EVENT

We are happy that many responded to our call on October 16th, 2022, and the concert room of Ship A38 was completely full. It was our intention to look back on, and give thanks for, the realization and blessings of This is the day! on July 23rd.

Agapé Worship started the night. It is the goal of the worship team of Pestszentlőrinc Agapé Church to bring forth something new by the inspiration of the Spirit of God, to create an encouraging and lively atmosphere wherever they open their mouths. This is exactly what happened on the ship: with their passionate praise, they led us into the presence of God.

After the praise session, Béla Pintér took the microphone. However, this time, instead of singing, he reminisced about what he experienced in Puskás Arena. He mentioned how much it meant to him when everyone enthusias-

tically and with one accord joined him in singing his song called Flesh-and-blood temple. As an impromptu choir, those present on board sang the song that night as well, and then Viktor László shared his thoughts. The chief organizer of This is the day! expressed his thanks for the realization of the stadium event after such a lengthy preparation, and so many trials and uncertainties. He emphasized what a great joy it was to receive so much feedback after the event testifying to the fact that many lives were changed that day, and that the repercussions were still with us to this day.

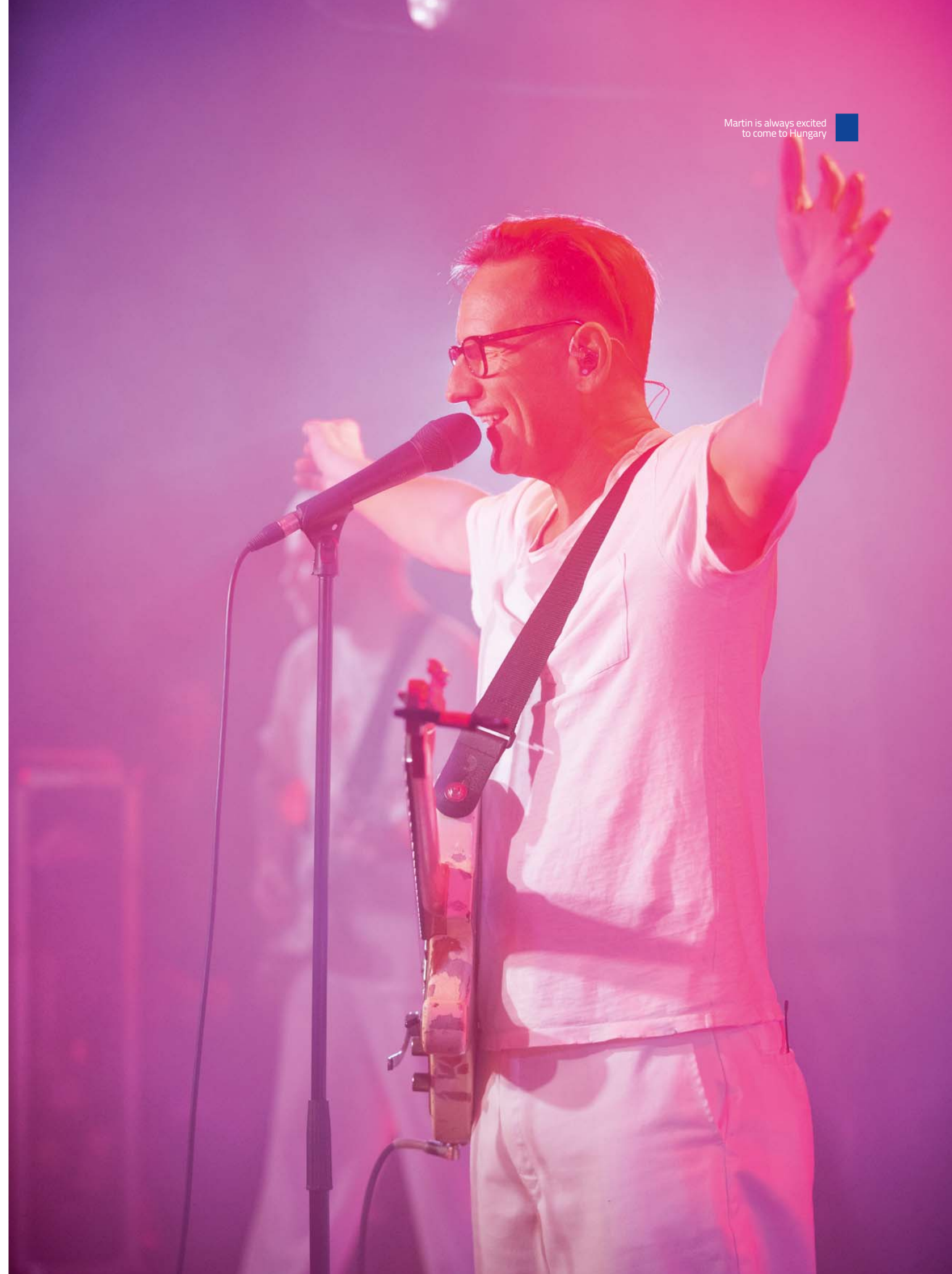
After the accounts, the main guest of the night was welcomed on the stage. Martin Smith and his band from the UK arrived in our country for their tour named Dancing in the Fire. The exhilarating concert included many great songs, some upbeat and some slower ones, some older and some newer ones as well. Martin shared that Hungary has a special place in his heart, he is always happy to return, and he is grateful for having been able to walk with us through our journey to the stadium.

We are thankful for all who came and joined us that night. We are grateful for the stadium and for you all. Carry on the fire!



Agapé Worship were the first who took to the stage

Martin is always excited to come to Hungary



YOUR WORDS

After This is the day!, we were overwhelmed with the responses we received from you. Photos, videos, accounts, and testimonies kept pouring to our Friends Circle Facebook group, as well as via E-mail, phone, and in person. We are extremely grateful for each and every one! Let us share a few of these with you.



It was amazing to be there for This is the day! To me, it was renewing, transforming, liberating, strengthening, refreshing. SDG! You are blessed. (Dávid)



I can most definitely say this was one of the greatest days of my life. Indescribable depth and height at once, endless gratitude and joy, wonder and amazement, exhilaration and awe, peace and calm – that is what I felt and have been feeling ever since... I think there are no words that could accurately describe the feeling that filled me and has not left me since that day... My deepest thanks and appreciation to all who had a part in organizing it and bringing it to pass. (Tibor)



The experience defies words. I cannot express my gratitude. May God bless all the people who helped so that this miracle could take place. (Hanna)



I spent that beautiful day with my daughter, who has been a great fan of This is the day! for years. We were there before the gates were even opened, and we were among the last to leave. We are so very grateful! And the fact that one of my daughter's favorite singers, Hanna sat right in front of us after her performance, is almost unbelievable. We even got an autograph and took a photo with her! (Ildikó)



This is the day! was a fantastic experience for both me and my son. It was amazing to worship the Lord together, we are very happy that we got to go. A special thanks to everyone, especially our good God. Alleluia! (Tímea)



It was wonderful to have so many people praise God and lift the name of Jesus together, with one heart and soul! We really appreciate all the hard work that went into organizing it. Everything was great. A big thank you to the volunteers as well! (Réka)



We give thanks to God that we could go to this amazing This is the day! event. Praising the Lord together, with one heart and soul was the foretaste of heaven. Blessings on you! (Ibolya)



I had a great time at This is the day! The music is still going on in my head, I can still feel the ground rumbling with all the skipping, I can still hear the crowd singing. It was an unforgettable experience for sure. (Beáta)



We experienced something indescribable that cannot be put into words. Praising the Lord with one accord like that, lifting up His name! It was amazing to see the stadium filled with so many Christians! (Tímea)



There are no words to say what happened on This is the day! at Puskás Arena, when tens of thousands of people joined American musician Michael W. Smith in singing Let It Rain. As we were praying, it started to drizzle, the sweltering heat relented, and the weather was really pleasant for the rest of the evening. It was a heavenly experience. To me, that moment revealed the greatness of God. May God bless all who organized this event and made it possible! God bless Hungary! (Ervin)



Thank you for this amazing day! You have enriched our lives with an unforgettable experience, as for thousand others, too, I believe. God bless your ministry in the future. SDG. (Dénes)



At last, the eagerly awaited day arrived! I went to the event by myself, yet I did not feel lonely. My soul was filled with happiness, joy, and thankfulness for seeing and experiencing the faith of over 40,000 people in Almighty God, moved by the single purpose of loving and praising the invisible one, regardless of their denomination. It was a great testimony for me that as I sat in the scorching sun for hours, I had no sunburn. Normally, my skin gets bright red in 10 to 20 minutes. What else could protect me like that but a shield placed there by the Lord? Thank you for this amazing experience! (Ildikó)



It was wonderful to praise our Lord with you all. I still haven't gotten over it. I want to say a big thank you to everyone at This is the day! for that day. I enjoyed every minute of it. Seeing so many who love Jesus felt really good. One day, we will all sit at a table together, celebrating and singing a song of victory! (Anikó)

“

It was an amazing and fascinating day. I am very grateful to the organizers, the performers, the volunteers, and everyone else who had a part in making it possible for us to be in communion with Jesus Christ, and experiencing the testimony. It is difficult to find the words to describe what we felt during those hours, you had to be there. Thank you, Jesus! (Emese)

“

It was one of the best decisions of my life to go. It was amazing that so many of us were present in harmony, praising the Lord. It was also great to hear some of the songs I had previously only seen in videos, now performed live by the original performers. (Zsófia)

“

I give God the glory that after a two-year delay, we could finally get together to praise Him. We had bought our tickets in 2020, and since then, we kept waiting for this day. I went with my sister. I am grateful to the Lord and of course, the organizers, for the free trains. We were not discouraged by the heat, the long trip, or the fact that we did not arrive home until the early hours of the next day. We are grateful for this day to everyone who had a part in it in any form, and to everyone who came. To me, the most beautiful thing was to worship the Lord with one voice and one heart, and I believe our Father was also pleased with our praise. We cannot wait until the next This is the day! (Ilona)

“

Our God is awesome for giving us this experience. And we are grateful to everyone who worked and served to make it happen. (Mária)

“

This was our first time at a This is the day! event, and I hope we will not miss any in the future. We traveled for over 20 hours, but it was worth it! We returned home refreshed, filled with new strength. We were not even discouraged by the weather forecast promising 42 °C (107 °F), we even packed raincoats, though not really thinking we would need them. When we took our seats in the stadium, we were soaked with sweat, it was so hot. However, when we sang Let It Rain with Michael W. Smith, the rain came, and so did the anointing. I was so thrilled, I did not even want my raincoat, I just let the drops rain on me, it was like dew from heaven. We are very grateful to God and the organizers for such a fantastic event. (Adél)

“

We are so grateful we could participate at this great event. Praising the Lord was so amazing! Thank you for the encouraging testimonies and the gift Bibles as well! Glory to God for everything! (László)

“

It was amazing and uplifting to praise the Lord together! Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude! A big thank you to the loving service of the organizers and performers, it was a huge blessing, I believe, for everyone. We could feel the presence of the Lord, His endless love, His grace, it was as if we were already singing with the heavenly choir. Glory to God! We can't wait for the next event! (Zsuzsa)

“

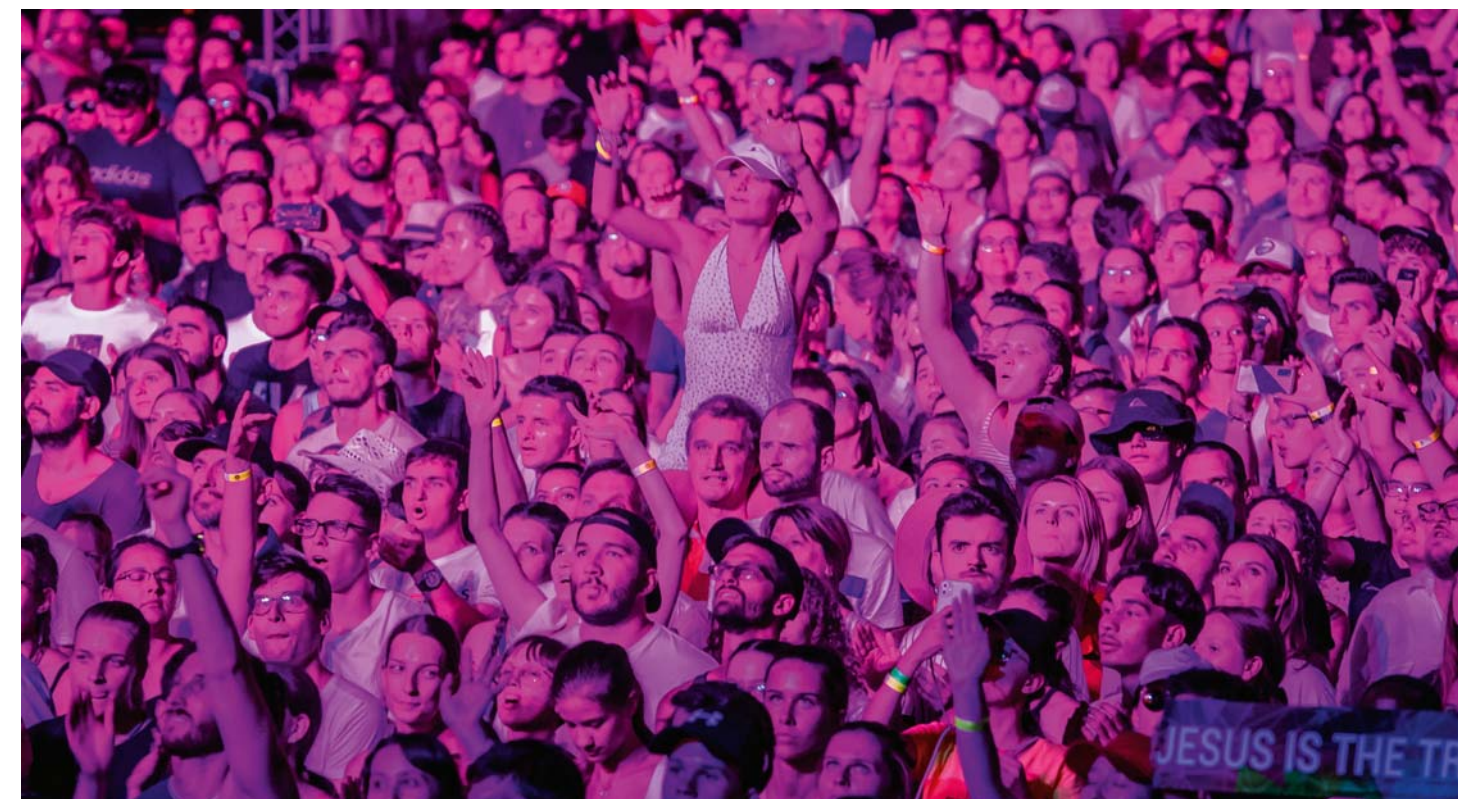
It was uplifting, blessed, powerful. I cannot even begin to imagine how much work went into it, heart and soul, in the strength and joy of the Holy Spirit. All glory belongs to Jesus! Thanks, thanks, thanks! (Ildikó)

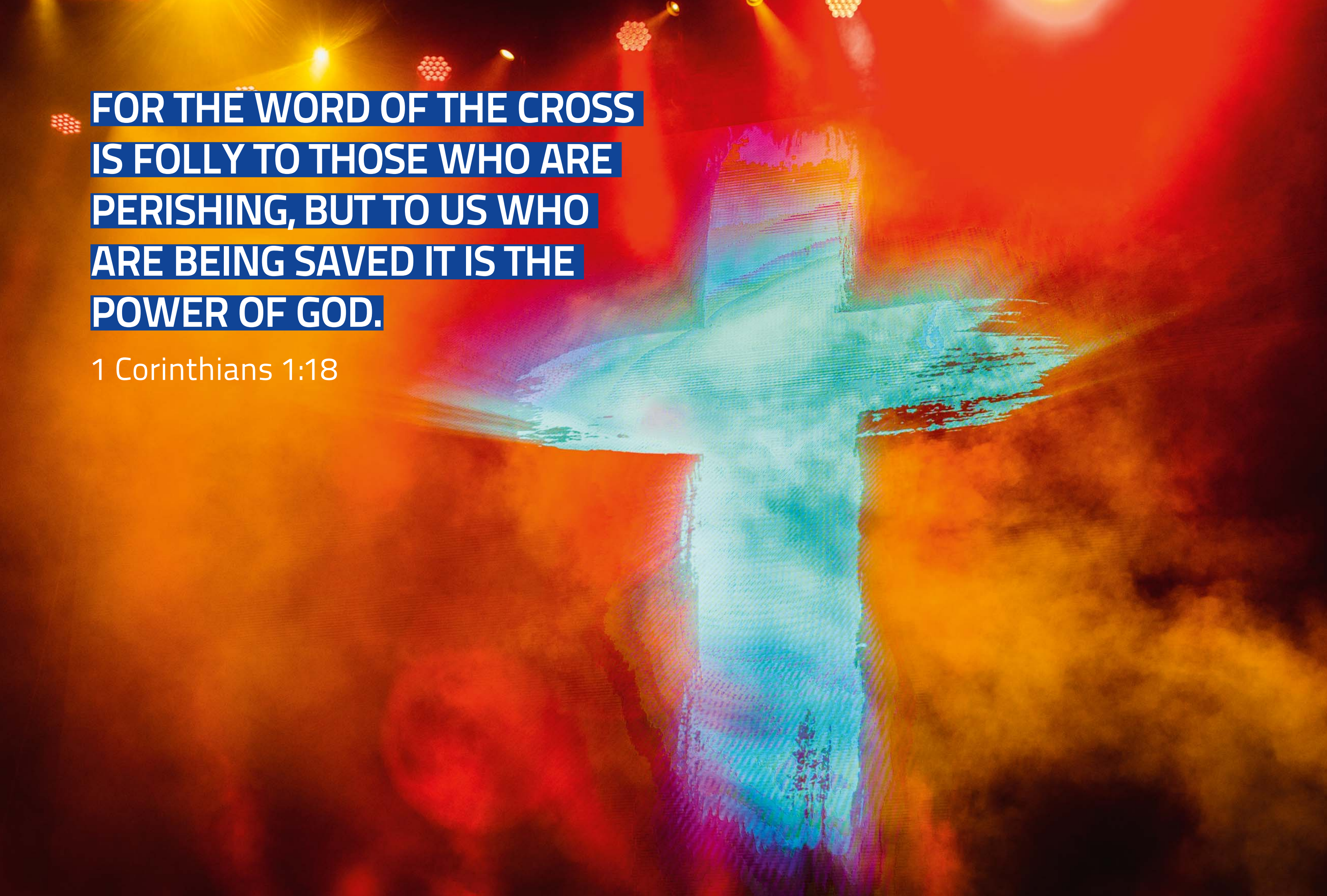
“

I am grateful that I could experience this day together with my family. We appreciate the work and service of This is the day! How amazing will heavenly worship be if we cannot find the words to describe the one on earth! It was fantastic! Thank you. (Erika)

“

We were the ambassadors of God's word that day, and that is what we are every day of our lives. Thanks and glory to the Lord for bringing this day to pass and for all the blessings He showered upon us. God is so good! Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Let us all keep spreading the good news. Be blessed! (Aranka)



A large, glowing cross is the central focus of the image, set against a background of vibrant, warm colors (red, orange, yellow) that suggest a church interior with dramatic lighting. The cross is illuminated from within, creating a bright, ethereal glow. The background features soft, out-of-focus light sources and a textured, painterly quality. The overall mood is spiritual and powerful.

**FOR THE WORD OF THE CROSS
IS FOLLY TO THOSE WHO ARE
PERISHING, BUT TO US WHO
ARE BEING SAVED IT IS THE
POWER OF GOD.**

1 Corinthians 1:18

FOUR THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GOD AS A HEALER

God cares about our pain and our needs

John 8:36 says, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Jesus came to earth so that we might live in freedom. The Bible says God is offering us deliverance from sin, death, fear, heartache, and broken relationships, and He is also offering healing for our bodies.

It is hard to fully comprehend God's grace. It does not mean that we as Christians need not endure loss or suffering, but it does mean that none of our pain is in vain. God is with us through every season of our lives, and even in death, He promises us a greater future in heaven without pain or suffering. We have this amazing hope if we have Jesus in our lives, since we can be certain of all the promises that God is giving us in the Scriptures.

Let us examine a few Bible truths and how we can know that God is the one who heals the brokenness in our lives and in the world.

WHO IS GOD ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE?

Through the stories of God working in the lives of men, through the very words of Jesus, the Son of God, and through prophetic revelation, the *Bible* uncovers part of God's mysterious nature. Part of the mystery of who God is will never be completely clear to us as long as we are living in our earthly bodies, but we are not utterly left in the dark either. There are many beautiful passages that give us a glimpse of the glorious nature of God. Let us share a few of these:

God is the Rock: He is perfect, faithful, and just

"The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he." (Deuteronomy 32:4)

God is Love

"Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love." (1 John 4:8)

He is the way, the truth, and the life

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6)

God is the maker of all things

"For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him." (Colossians 1:16)

God is our healer

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24)

Let us look at four things we need to know about God as our healer.

1. GOD HEALS OUR HEARTS

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)

Our brokenness does not only apply to our bodies. Our minds, our souls, and our hearts may also grow weak due to the hardships we go through in life. God cares about our emotional health, and He offers us a healing power that is able to deliver us from despair, depression, fear, anxiety, bitterness, anger, addiction, and many other things. Healing sometimes happens through a miraculous touch, meditation on the Scriptures, prayer, the wisdom of Christian counseling, the help of a medical doctor, or a combination of these. After all, the road to healing may look different for everyone. The Spirit of God is at work in our lives, and He is unpredictable. He leads each one of us in a different way.

2. JESUS' SACRIFICE PROVIDES HEALING FOR HIS PEOPLE

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24)

Jesus died on the cross in our place. Our perfect God cannot be in fellowship with sinful humanity. That is why God in the Old Testament required His people to perform rituals and sacrifices. God saw that rituals were insufficient, and He had the incredible plan to sacrifice His son so that He could designate us righteous and give us full access to His kingdom.

On the cross, Jesus bore the weight of humanity's sin on his body. Through his wounds, we were healed from the curse of sin and death. The gospel invites us into the family of God and

promises us a future beyond the brokenness affecting the world. The sacrifice of God's Son gives us the hope of an eternity spent with Him in heaven.

3. PRAYERS OF FAITH BRING HEALING

"And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." (James 5:15)

God works with our faith to bring healing. When we face emotional distress, physical pain, or loss, God promises to hear our prayers, and help us through such difficult times. First John 5:14 says, *"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."* (1 John 5:14)

Jesus came to earth and fully experienced what it means to be human. He knows what physical pain and suffering feels like. He wants to bring healing, comfort, and peace when we encounter all kinds of suffering. He will never leave us alone in moments of pain (Isaiah 41:10). One promise we may hold on to says our suffering will never be in vain. Romans 5:3-5 says, *"Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."*

Even when we go through times we do not understand or experi-

ence a loss that is hard to accept, God is at work, and He is with us.

4. THE SPIRIT OF GOD WILL SET US FREE

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed." (Luke 4:18)

Before Jesus ascended to heaven after his death on the cross, He told his followers He would not leave them orphans. He promised to leave them an advocate, the Spirit of Truth, to be with us forever (John 14). Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God granted us liberty so we could be free, and power so we could help others find freedom as well. God knows that without His power, we are unable to break out of the bondage of sin and death, that is why He graciously blessed us with His Spirit who will stand by us. The Spirit of God miraculously brings physical, emotional, spiritual, and relational healing to His people.

TWO STAGES IN THE STADIUM

Great names with great character—the only way the words they sing will be authentic

Michael W. Smith, Graham Kendrick, Bethel, Tim Hughes, and the others are mostly known by their music, but they are human, too, and authenticity is very important for them. At the great stadium event on July 23rd, these well-known performers appeared on two stages. One was visible to the thousands upon thousands of spectators, the other only to a handful of assistants. Both are important, because they need to be in sync.

Jonathan Helser, the leader of the Bethel team sang really well, but what was really fantastic to see was the incredible humility and modesty that characterizes him. It is great when the fruit of the Spirit are so ripe and tasty in someone's life. His son was also there, and watching him gave you a glimpse of how Jonathan and his wife must have lived their faith before him in the past twenty years, how much love and patience they must have given, and how Christ-centered their lives must be. That is the way to step

out on the stage, because the songs are backed by the lives. By the daily attitude that says, indeed, I want to follow Jesus.

Planetshakers are well known for their exuberance, flexibility, dynamism, and theological preparedness. A few years ago, when they were visiting here, one of the organizers took them a bunch of cakes from one of the most renowned patisseries in Budapest. When they got the cakes, they were about to begin their pre-concert praying session—and the cakes were not touched. This was a tiny, yet characteristic, detail, and this is (in part) what makes them who they are. There is Noel Richards, who arrived a few days early in case he can help with anything, after all, he is the one who put together a stadium full of worshipers in Wembley 25 years ago. He came to serve just like Tim Hughes who is one of the most gentle and gracious people in the world. Graham Kendrick came to sing a single song, and he did it from his heart, just like Not an Idol from Moldova or Mate.O from Poland. Those who

are normally given way more time at other festivals, accepted the fact that here, they only get half as much because of the number of performers.

The organizers made sure the bands received all the necessary information in time so they could focus exclusively on the performance. One of the most beautiful moments was when Michael W. Smith sang his last song, Agnus Dei, and toward the end of the song, he left the stage. As he was walking backstage, he was clearly moved by the opportunity to worship together with thousands of enthusiastic worshipers. He

wanted the Lamb of God to receive the applause, and not himself. A great name, with an extraordinary career, bowing his knees before the One to whom everyone will bow one day.

As organizers, we saw both stages. The one where they performed, and the one for the ordinary days. Our international friends did excellent on both stages, it was a joy to watch them. Every believer has his or her own two stages. One for when people see us and one when they don't, or only our closest relatives, classmates, or colleagues do. Someone said character is who you are in

private. Because if you are obedient when you are on your own, you will be obedient everywhere.

“

And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:4



Michael W. Smith's humility is exemplary.

We heard a testimony
from Mr. Dániel D. Szabó



We proclaimed
that Jesus is life!



The event began
with a brass band



Spiritual leaders
praying together



By nightfall, the
stadium was filled



COFFEE AND STETHOSCOPE COULD THERE BE TRUE UNITY AMONG CHRISTIANS?



Most of us cherish the desire to experience the unity that Jesus so beautifully put into words. Inspired by the question, "Who is my neighbor?", we ask, "Who is my brother?". The commonly accepted creed is a good starting point: we consider everyone a fellow believer if they have accepted the Savior, and salvation, have repented from their sins, surrendered their lives to God, have been born again, and are striving to live as disciples of Jesus, accepting the absolute authority of the Word, denying themselves daily, and taking up their cross.

In theory, all such people should show special love to one another so that Jesus' intention would be honored, and people would know us from our love for one another. In practice, this only works in part, but we who work with This is the day! know many who have this attitude toward others.

A pastor once gave a telling illustration in his book. He thinks there are some who imagine heaven as new arrivals having to fill out a test handed to them by Peter. The problem is, you cannot cheat, because the ones sitting next to you belonged to a different denomination on earth, and regarding certain questions, they adhered to beliefs differing from yours. After a while, the papers are collected and evaluated. Between 80 and 100 points, you get to go in, between 50 and 80 points, you



go to Purgatory (this is just for the sake of the illustration), and under 50 points, you go to hell. This pastor says that is not how it works. Instead, Peter will come out with a stethoscope. He will walk up to everyone, check their heartbeat, and say, "Fine." Then you can enter through those pearly gates.

That is how the members of This is the day! team think regarding anything beyond the basic conditions of acceptance. If you create any conditions beyond the fundamentals, it can lead you astray. You are my brother, but... You are my sister, however...—and then you list the well-known aspects of what should the other person have or not have. And we can only talk about unity once you oblige by my ideas, which of course, I can vindicate from the Bible. However, this is so arbitrary, and it really narrows down the circle of those you can be in close fellowship with. We decided to love our brothers and sisters belonging to the various denominations and churches. And we also spent time with them. We visited them here and in many places in Europe, and we saw one another in all kinds of situations. The invisible stethoscopes were pulled out, and we were able to listen to many beautiful heartbeats—as they could listen to ours as well. As they say, "We agree regarding the essentials and as far as the nonessentials are concerned, we will agree to disagree."

We enjoy friendships spanning twenty, thirty, or forty years with very authentic national and international pastors, worship leaders and members of their congregations. We would often sit down and have a nice long chat with them over a coffee. We have learnt a lot from their stories, insights, and we have always valued their opinions. We greatly appreciate their faithfulness, their whole lives as they serve the Lord with great devotion. Of course, they have faults, but who doesn't? The Church consists of imperfect people being perfected. Since our form is uncommon, naturally there are questions, and we try to answer them as best we can. Can anything good come out of Nazareth?—the question emerged upon seeing something uncommon, and Peter was also interrogated after he visited Cornelius. We see the strength of friendships. Toward the end, Jesus also called the disciples his friends. A friend you know and trust, but that takes time, quality time spent together.

And if anyone is suspecting that we are superficial or deceptive, hiding some political agenda or a camouflaged move on the part of mainstream churches, or any aversion at all, let them seek us out and have coffee with us.

Once the pastor of a newly planted church was rumored to poach members of other churches. A leader came to him and asked him if the rumor was true.

The pastor said no, he only opened a restaurant, welcoming any who wished to come, but he was not badmouthing anyone nor was he alluring "customers" from other places. He also added that this leader was the only one who came to him in person. Everyone else just based their opinion of him on the rumors they heard.

If you have any questions, come and spend time with us, because until we get to know each other better, even with the best intentions, we might have false conclusions about the other. However, may we suggest you also bring a stethoscope along with your questionnaire.

What really matters is honesty, which is the basis of all friendships. And friendships make up the huge net of love that could help us catch thousands and thousands of fish from the pond of death, bringing them to the lake of life. Everyone in his or her own place—appreciating and loving everyone else.

FORGIVENESS

Some thoughts about the importance of forgiveness by Lajos Rácz



We love the Lord's prayer. We recite it in most of our meetings... Every single request expressed in it is so clear and great. There is one, however, that is conditional. "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" (Matthew 6:12). And right after the amen, there is an emphatic warning that we should never forget about.

"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14–15).

Let me share three examples and a testimony.

The first instance happened at a Calvinist nursing home. There was an old woman living there who had been gravely ill for several weeks. She felt life was a burden. She was getting ready to die. When her pastor visited her, she complained. *"Reverend, I have been suffering for so long. Why can't I die?"* The pastor listened to the Lord, and responded with a question, *"Is there any unforgiveness in your heart toward anyone?"* A dark shadow fell across the woman's face. *"Yes, toward my long-deceased mother-in-law. Shortly after I got married, she hurt me deeply, and I haven't been able to let go of that hurt."* *"Please forgive her now even if she is no longer here,"* the pastor advised. The woman took the advice, she prayed, and forgave. After a short while, having found peace, she passed on to her eternal home.

Another instance happened during a time of awakening in our congregation. Many made a decision for the Lord. There was an intellectual family. First, the kids got saved. Their mother used to be a believer as a young woman. Her faith was renewed as well. Her husband was unable to accept the change, and the new lifestyle. He resented the fact that his wife and children had found a spiritual family. He became abusive. Then he wrote a letter, wishing for the death of his family members. Following King Hezekiah's example, we placed the letter on the Lord's table and prayed. We left the matter in God's hands. We did not allow unforgiveness or anger to stand in the way of his repentance, his salvation. We kept praying for the father and the whole family as a congregation. Months passed. Some of our members persisted in visiting them regularly, hoping for a change. They witnessed to him about salvation and eternal life. Regretfully, he fell ill, and he quickly got worse. In his distress, he sought for salvation. He asked us to visit him. He asked for forgiveness, and he received the Lord Jesus. Not much later he

died. I think of him as a brother, and I know we will see each other again in heaven. This situation taught us how good it is *"that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."*

The third type of reconciliation has to do with forgiveness between nations. In the mid-80's, some Hungarian youths visited us from the Sălaj region (Romania). As they witnessed the life of our congregation, they grew fond of us and invited us to minister in their hometown. As we were getting ready for the trip, I received a warning from the Lord. We could not go to Romania with unforgiveness in our hearts toward Romanians. There was a lot to let go, to forgive. When we had done that, we were free to go. The door was opened. We spent 28 days there and were able to minister 25 times among Hungarians and Romanians, in various places in the country. They sensed our love, and they loved and accepted us in return. We became a blessing and a comfort for one another in the kingdom of God. We experienced something that could only be accomplished by the cross of Calvary. It is at the cross that sin-



“

For if you forgive others their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you,
but if you do not forgive others their
trespasses, neither will your Father forgive
your trespasses

Matthew 6:14–15

ners needing grace may encounter one another. We gained new brothers and sisters. The visits continued even after the change of regime. Later, we were a part of the first Hungarian-Romanian reconciliation convention held at the Calvinist convention center in Ilien, near Sfântu Gheorghe. The Spirit of God was at work among us, illuminating us with the light of the Word. The representatives of both nations were able to hum-

ble themselves for the many generational sins committed by their nations, asking for and receiving forgiveness. What happened that day among Christians also affected the public relations of the two countries. We only found out after returning home that in București, Romania, official reconciliatory negotiations had started between Hungary and Romania.

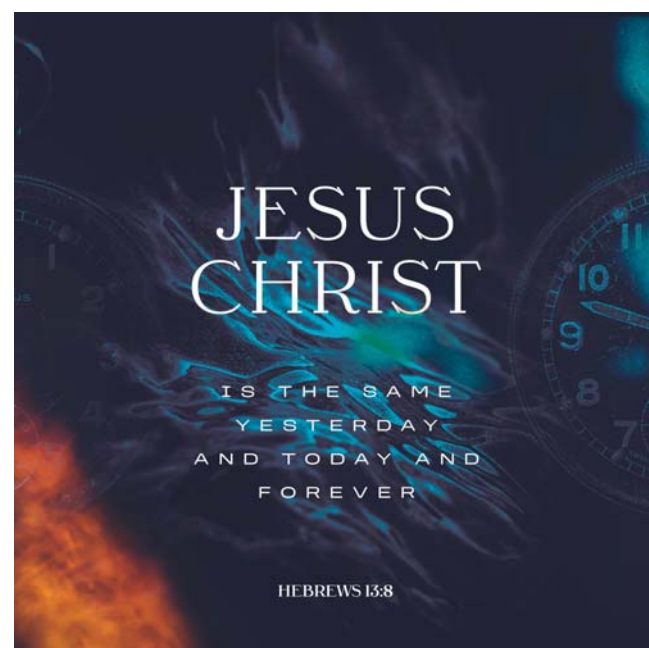
Since then, we have met with Christians from many nations,

and asked for mutual forgiveness for our nations. The ministry of reconciliation should be ongoing for the benefit of the nations. The more of us are involved in this ministry in a Biblical way, the more blessings we will receive.

We would do well to take to heart and follow God's advice, *"In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength"* (Isaiah 30:15a). At the same time, we need to be cautious. We can see the opposite at work, too. *"But you were unwilling"* (Isaiah 30:15b).

After the Lord's prayer, Jesus' only comment was this, *"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses"* (Matthew 6:14–15). If we will not and cannot forgive, we may even lose our salvation. The evil one will ruin our families, our churches, and destruction will come upon the nations. Therefore, we should not forsake the ways of righteousness, mercy, and faithfulness.

We hear rumors of wars, we have to take in hundreds of thousands of refugees. Just like in the days of Jonah, this is the time of fasting, repentance, and forgiveness. It is time to handle our personal and collective offenses



“

Father, forgive them, for
they know not what they
do

Luke 23:34

and sins with a humble and gentle heart, esteeming others higher than ourselves. Let us give up our right to be right. Let us stop with the mutual accusations as long as we have time. We have all gone astray, choosing our own paths. And the Lord took our transgressions upon Himself. Betrayed because of us, sentenced based on false charges, vulnerable, he went to the cross. He was not only praying for His contemporaries but for us as well, *"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"* (Luke 23:34).



A WEATHER MIRACLE IN THE STADIUM

When clouds are the silver lining

Wembley stadium, 1997. It rained all week, then on Saturday, there was nice weather. Puskás Arena, 2022. A hot spell all week, then pleasant weather on Saturday. It seems that if you organize a worship event in a stadium, you can leave the weather up to God, because He has power over nature's forces as well. In London, band setups were done in pouring rain, and they were thinking it would be so dangerous to play on stage among all the electric cables that there would barely be any sound. Then on Saturday, there was a clear sky above the stadium while in other parts of London, it was raining so hard that several events had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

In our case, the temperature had been 37 °C (98 °F) for days, so by Friday afternoon band setup time, it was very hot. We drove the performers in air-conditioned vans from the hotel to the stage even though the distance was only a few hundred meters so they would not have to walk in the scorching sun. The forecast predicted 41 °C (105 °F) for the next day, so the heatwave was supposed to peak on Saturday. We did what we could to prepare: we got misting fans, free bottled water, but we knew it would not be possible to sit for hours in such heat. As soon as all the forecasts predicted the extreme heat, we started praying for bearable weather. Interestingly, in 1989, in the very same place, when Billy Graham

was preaching in the old People's Stadium, it started raining four hours before the event started, but then everyone prayed, and in an hour, the rain stopped, and the good weather held throughout. One time, at another This is the day! event, we also witnessed a fast change: in 2010, in Margaret Island, band setup was cancelled due to a storm on Friday. In fact, in some parts of the country, the hail killed some horses. Then on Saturday, we had a pleasantly cloudy, 25-degree (77 °F) weather for the event.

We were hoping for something similar, but none of us expected what really happened. We had seen stylish and creative answers to prayers before, and that is what we witnessed this time. Later we heard that some were already thinking they would not be able to bear the heat, but then shortly after 3 pm, the wind picked up, bringing some relief, although even before that, the heat in the stands was somehow not as unbearable as in the days before. The wind grew stronger, and the clouds appeared. The sky was overcast above the city, there was thunder and lightning, and such a huge storm that the fire department had to be called to many places. Outside the stadium, the wind picked up some of the tents and threw them against the fence, but inside, we barely felt any of that force. After a while, it started raining, but it was more like a drizzle, so many did not even want a raincoat, they just stood there and let themselves be refreshed

in the heavenly mist, taking their shoes off in the arena, rejoicing. As a young woman said, "it did not even wash off my makeup", and that says a lot. The rain soon stopped, the air became pleasant, feeling like 25 degrees, which is ideal for a concert, for several hours of worship.

We all witnessed a weather miracle of Old Testament proportions, and the faith of many was reaffirmed. Someone said this was God letting us know that He was pleased with this gathering, and happy that His children had come from so many different places. Isn't that how any father would feel upon seeing his children and upon his children seeing one another? That is what This is the day! is about: we get together because of the most important connection, which is the person of Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of us all. He was so important to the organizers that they put together this stadium worship event for His sake, and to the ones who came despite the extreme heat to be expected—some traveling thousands of kilometers. God appreciated that, and above a thousand other things, He also provided the right weather conditions so that His children could enjoy themselves. Three of the performers sang about rain, and it soon turned up in a very pleasant form. Because, as we sang with Béla Pintér: *"My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do"*.

Cooling clouds gathered over the stadium

HALF EMPTY TO HALF FULL

You will receive from an event according to your attitude. Worship at the stadium uncovered an interesting duality that can be clearly seen from the reactions.

It took hopeful faith to even leave home for the event in that heat. And behold, not long after the start, the wind and the refreshing rain came. There were some who did not expect much from the whole thing and never came or only stayed for a while, sneering the whole time. The majority, however, were “hungry” for God, and it did not matter how hot it was, how much they had to wait or detour at the gates, whether or not they were content with everything technically, they strived to focus on worship. It was not the potential blessings they

cared about, they wanted to bring “the offering of their lips”, getting on the wavelength of heavenly worship which, according to Revelation, will last forever.

A leader once said he wanted to surround himself with problem solving people. He expected every member of his team to solve any emerging problems, and if something proved to be too much, they could go to him, but only if they were bringing at least one recommended solution. The outcome of a problematic situation will often be determined by your attitude. By whether you see the glass as

half empty or half full. And that is something you can get accustomed to. Even as a shepherd, David lived constantly in the presence of God. How else could he have chased off the bear or lion attacking his sheep? Because of his previous positive experience, by the time he faced Goliath, he knew God would help him. Only this time, it was the flock of the chosen people that was attacked by a beast.

Someone once shared a fable about two pastors arriving at heaven’s gates at the same time. They are asked to give an account



of their situation. Resigned, one of them says, “In my town, people were not interested in the gospel, and no matter what we tried, we could not get ahead.” The other pastor, coming from a similar size town, says, “When I began my ministry, that community was also hard against the Word. However, I would have none of that. In cooperation with all the other congregations, we prayed, and fasted, we started a creative club, marriage counseling, a film club, a dance group, an excursion workshop, and a coffee house. Every one of the congregations kept growing, more and more people came to Jesus.”

This story has an important lesson: trust in God in every situation and try to take the initiative. Do not let your mentality be determined by the negative moods, disappointments, defeats, and failures, but rather by the ever-renewing dynamic power ema-

nating from the resurrected Christ that we have limitless access to. All we need to do is ask. And fight, but this is a good fight—for myself and for those around me.

Those who came to the stadium with an open heart, turning to God, were able to leave enriched, and we received thousands of messages attesting to that fact. It seemed as if the ones with their glasses half full were given from the glasses of those who saw it as half empty. So, the second group left with a sense of emptiness, whereas the first group felt overwhelmingly blessed.

The glass is never empty, for “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” (John 7:38) Many were able to experience that—as evident from the happy, exuberant faces, families, joyful grandmas, and sweet little ones. In our glasses, there is “living water” that gives life and quenches thirst, and this living water is a person, the Holy Spirit. We can count on Him, He is always ready to help, to comfort, and as we have seen, He loves to be revealed in our worship, dispensing His boundless joy.



For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Mark 4:25



**SING ALOUD TO GOD
OUR STRENGTH;
SHOUT FOR JOY TO
THE GOD OF JACOB!**

Psalm 81:1

BIBLE VERSES ABOUT TRUSTING IN GOD

In the midst of life's trials, regretfully, we sometimes lose heart and turn away from God. In the Bible, we read countless stories about great men of God who did not trust in the Lord but chose to do things their way instead. How can we trust in God if Noah, David, Peter, and others also lost sight of Him?

In the Scriptures, we find a number of verses about trusting in God and its advantages. The accounts of believers and wise words by people like Solomon may lead us into a stronger relationship with God, because they change the way we look upon His plans. Here are 14 Bible verses about trusting in God and believing what He says.

John 6:35

"Jesus said to them, »I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.«"

In the beginning of John chapter 6, many only follow Jesus because they saw the miracle of the feeding of the thousands. Knowing that, Jesus reminds people that He is able to provide much more than bread. It is true, we can trust God to take care of our everyday needs. However, we need to keep in mind that He has greater purposes with us.

Proverbs 3:5–6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

This is one of the best Bible passages about confidence in God, because it sums up the simplicity of our relationship with Him. The Lord is not only there when we call upon Him, we can rely on Him at all times. Rather than setting ourselves on the throne most of the time, what would our lives look like if we truly believed Him and acknowledged His rule every day?

Mark 9:23–24

"And Jesus said to him, »If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.« Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, »I believe; help my unbelief!«"

Jesus encountered many people during His ministry, with varying degree of faith. It seems that for this father, the promise of healing is too good to be true. He turns to Jesus in despair, he has practically lost all hope that his son would ever be well again. When Jesus points out his unbelief, he essentially replies, "I will give you all I have." What makes this one of the best Bible passages about confidence in God is the fact that it recognizes our imperfect faith and emphasizes the reason why we need to trust in Him even more.

1Corinthians 1:25

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

Why is it that we tend to trust contemporary thinkers more than the God of the universe? There is a lot we can learn from wise counsel, but even the best thoughts of the smartest people fall short of the wisdom of God. If you put your trust in God, you will walk in the best way possible.

Romans 1:16

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Have you ever considered what rewards there are for following Jesus? By surrendering the throne of our lives to God, we will be the recipients of many gifts. Sometimes following the Lord will save us from a traumatic experience or financial ruin. Other times, we will be persecuted, but we will be better people thanks to the tribulations. Most of all, however, our faith will result in salvation by Christ.

Isaiah 40:28–31

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

This is one of the best passages about trusting in God for everyone, whether athletes, pastors, or everyday people like us. Isaiah talks about the greatness of God. He continually works in your life with great alertness. He knows when you feel pain and when you are afraid. No matter how terrible your situation, He is not only aware of it, but He is powerful to save you from it. That is why He is worthy of your trust.

Psalms 37:3

"Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness."

We should all get rid of the bitterness caused by comparison. In Psalm 37, David tells us not to fret because of the prosperity of evildoers, and not to be annoyed because of our own suffering. If we want the Lord to work, and if we want to live a life that reflects our faith, we simply need to trust in Him and do all we can to spread His word.

John 12:46

"I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."

When we live our lives trusting in anything other than God, we walk in darkness. As we saw in the passage from Corinthians above, God is the ultimate source of wisdom. Therefore, if we trust in anything or anyone else, we are settling for an entity that has no power to save us. Jesus is the light, we need to follow Him if we want an abundant life.

Psalms 56:2–3

"My enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly. When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

Fighting deadly enemies was an important aspect of David's life, that is why he is behind many Bible verses that speak about trusting in God. Here, in Psalm 56, he cries out to God after a number of physical and personal attacks. Our struggles may be different from those David had to face, still, we can also call upon the Lord in the day of trouble. God is our ultimate defender. No one can harm us if God intends to keep us safe.



1Chronicles 16:11

"Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!"

Distraction is a real danger in the lives of Christians. We may know that God is in control, and that we need to trust in Him, but other things may distract us and disrupt that trust relationship. It could be a sinful habit or even idolizing the church above God. We need to remember to always seek the Lord. If we keep our eyes on Him, we stand a better chance in the struggles we face in life.

Isaiah 12:2

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

This verse shows that God is our eternal salvation and our best hope in the world. We can not only trust that one day we will be with Him in

heaven but also that He will walk with us every day of our lives. It does not matter what fear is holding you back or what hardship you have to face, the Lord has you covered.

Hebrews 11:6

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

We can work all our lives to please God or to get to heaven, but the Bible teaches us here that faith is what is really needed if we want to have a relationship with God. We cannot draw near to God on our own terms. We need to be willing to trust in Him. That is what makes Hebrews 11:6 one of the greatest verses about confidence in God.

Isaiah 41:10

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

We need not be surprised that a lot of the Bible verses on trusting in God come from the hardest years of Israel's history. Through the prophet Isaiah, God is telling His people here that they can trust in Him. Even though they are in trouble, God promises not to forsake them and to always remain their God.

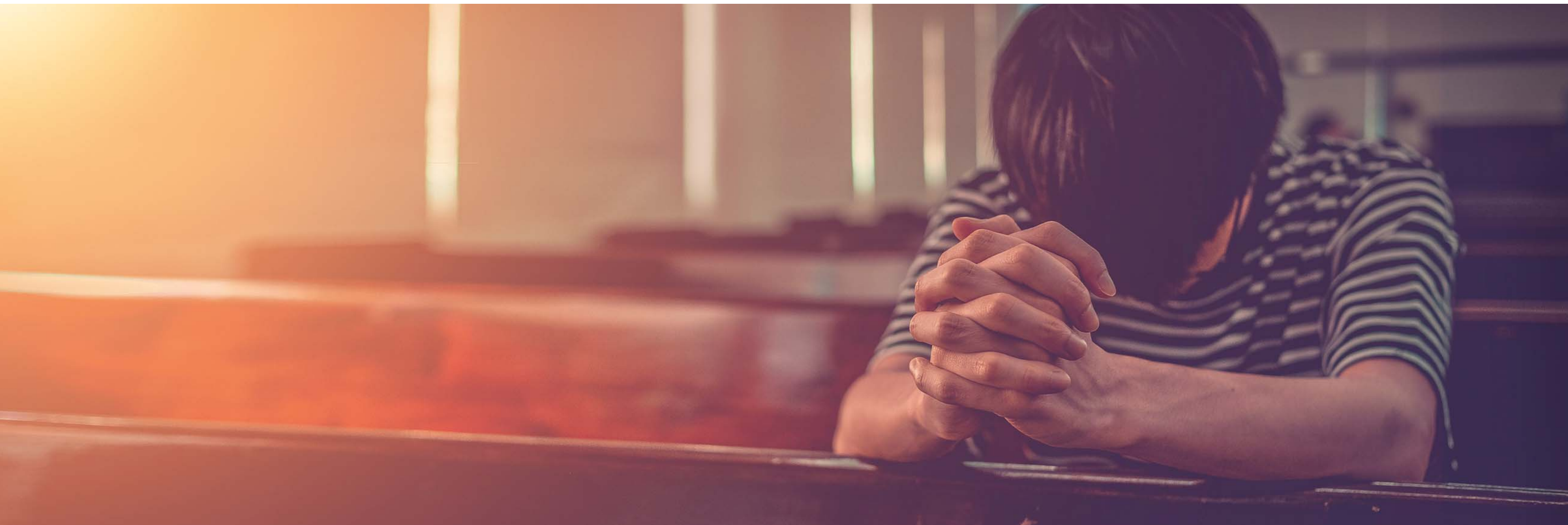
John 3:36

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

We could have mentioned John 3:16 as one of the Bible verses on confidence in God, but this verse from the same chapter stresses the difference between those who put their trust in the Lord and those who do not. Eternal life is

certainly one of the best arguments for trusting in God, but here, we also see what happens when one does not obey the Son.

These are but a few of the many wonderful verses that talk about confidence in God. There are plenty of other examples in Psalms, in the stories of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as well as those of the early church. We hope that as you continue your journey of faith, these verses will assist you in drawing closer to God and trusting in Him.



THE INSIDE STORY OF HOW 40,000 GATHERED TO WORSHIP JESUS AT HUNGARY'S NATIONAL STADIUM

This historic gathering in Budapest on Saturday, was the culmination of a 25 year dream. Noel Richards shares the full story

The sporting coliseums of this world are not just for football. They are for the last big breath of God—Lester Sumrall. These words went through my mind on Saturday evening, as I witnessed 40,000 people being led in worship by Pintér Béla—one of Hungary's best known Christian songwriters—at the national stadium in Budapest. For me, stadiums are cathedrals of praise, and the sound of thousands of voices joined together in worship from all different streams and denominations, is wonderfully inspiring and moving. Béla was one of many Hungarian worship leaders featured at Ez Az A Nap 2022 (This Is The Day 2022). Supporting artists such as Tim Hughes, Martin Smith, Noel Robinson, Planetshakers and Bethel Music came from neighbouring nations to participate in the eight hour programme of worship, prayer and teaching. The majority of those in attendance at this iconic venue were Hungarian, with six specially chartered trains transporting people from 24 cities in the country. A fleet of 200 buses brought people from eight neighbouring countries in what was a huge logistical undertaking.

THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN STADIUM EVENTS

The vision was the culmination of a journey that began when Viktor László, a Budapest entrepreneur saw the video of 'Champion of the World' at Wembley Stadium in 1997. It birthed a vision in him to see a gathering like that take place at the national stadium in Budapest. Through a mutual friend, I met up with Viktor in Budapest, in April 1998 and with a few friends, we prayed together at the old national stadium there. Thus began a journey that neither of us imagined would take all these years to complete. Since 2001, Viktor and his team have been building towards this, organising dozens of worship events. They began in the early years of the millennium with outdoor events in Budapest. In 2010, they moved their events inside, into the Papp László Arena with a capacity of 10,000 people. Over these years, Viktor has invited internationally known worship leaders and teams to participate and they have become his friends.

In 2019, the brand new national stadium—Puskás Aréna—was completed on the site of the old stadium and plans began in earnest to stage the event in the summer of 2020. In the latter part of 2019 and early 2020, I was privileged to participate in the promotional 'Roadshow', that visited major cities in Hungary, Ukraine, Romania, Austria, Slovenia, Serbia and Croatia.

More than 30,000 attended these events which built a great momentum for 2020 at the stadium. By March of that year they had sold 20,000 tickets. Then came Covid 19! The event was postponed and a provisional date pencilled in for 2021 which in the light of the ongoing pandemic was postponed yet again. At the start of this year, Viktor and his team began to promote a new date—23rd July. With war in Ukraine breaking out in February, there was the possibility of yet another postponement. Yet in spite of this they continued to work tirelessly to re-build the momentum that had been lost; and slowly, the ticket sales began to pick up.

IMPACTING THE NATION

Hungary has a population of around 10 million people, so it is truly remarkable to gather 40,000 people for worship in it's national stadium. The event has generated interest within the general population, the business community and the government. Everywhere you looked there was advertising for the event – on billboards and public transport. On Sunday evening the main TV channel carried a report about the event and an interview with Viktor. I remember one Christian government minister joking that the new stadium had been built for Christian events! Indeed it is only the

second music event that has been held there. After the last song had been sung and the crowds had dispersed Viktor and his team along with all of us who participated in this journey with him, gathered in the VIP room at the stadium. We gave thanks to God for the fulfillment of this unique vision which will have repercussions throughout the nations of central Europe and beyond, for many years to come.

These events might not change the world, but they change the worlds of those who attend them. I believe that the vast majority of those who attended Ez Az A Nap 2022, left the stadium with desire in their hearts to fur-

ther the Kingdom of Heaven in the villages, towns, cities and nations where they live. Who knows what fruit will be seen, as they pursue the dreams and visions that were planted last Saturday? As they do so, they will be following the example of Viktor László. A businessman with a Kingdom heart, who carried faithfully for 25 years, the dream God gave him.





Distributing Bibles
at the end of the day



A call for repentance
by Sámuel Mike



Martin Smith
in the stadium



All were welcome
at the stadium
of the nation



Jesus is Lord over
Hungary!



ABOUT THE BACKGROUND OF THE STADIUM

In case you want to know what makes such a huge event work

The answer is simple really: the team of organizers. Nevertheless, it is not so natural that all details would fall into place by the time the spectators take their seats. It is a little bit like when someone writes a book. There will always be some correction or improvement to be made. However, the day comes when the manuscript has to be submitted, and the correction has to stop. The same way, with a stadium event, you could always do with a few extra weeks, but the designated time will come, and whatever has been prepared by then will be okay and

whatever has not will remain undone. And looking back, those were not even missed.

Regarding every area of preparation, it is true that an inordinate amount of information is flowing back and forth, and it is important to note and keep in mind the most significant details. Since every one of us is involved with others, we encounter all manner of people, both nationally and internationally. There will be some who are refreshingly cooperative and helpful, but others will ask the same question three times. It is best to start with organizing smaller events so the organizers acquire sufficient

experience. Several members of This is the day! have 20 or 30+ years of experience organizing conferences and concerts.

It is very important to prepare ahead of time as much as possible, but the final push is always a strain anyway. Life is constantly on the move, and as the event is getting closer, small things will keep coming up that can only come up at that moment. It is somewhat like seeing a vehicle come closer. At first you cannot even tell if it is a limousine or an ATV, then you perceive it is an automobile, later that it is a sports car, then you perceive its red color,

and finally you can tell what Ferrari model it is.

The same goes for when you have to arrange for 150 buses. There are a certain number of bus companies involved, each one with their own individual and corporate style. When it gets down to actually signing the contract, there are a number of unique aspects to be considered such as pricing, and other tiny yet not negligible factors. Then we have to come up with a plan for where they will park – as close to the stadium as possible, preferably, how people will alight and then get on at the end to avoid chaos. The same goes for all six special trains so that everyone will be able to get home.

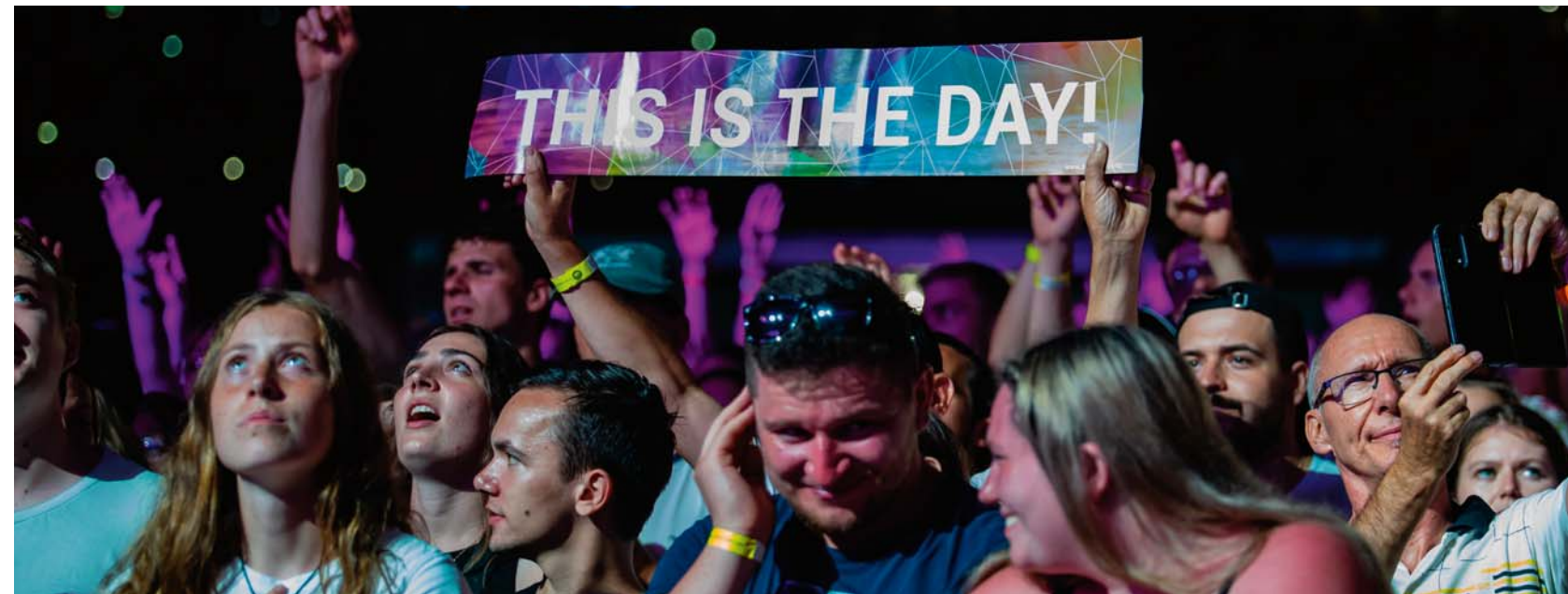
You have to unify all letters, all information; at the same time, you have to resolve all unforeseen problems on the spot. Entry, Bible distribution, color and scope of wristbands, and handling problematic cases at the scene; the rush for tickets in the last six weeks prior to the event that proved almost unmanageable and yet was managed somehow, and everyone who wanted to get in was able to do so. A great deal of patience and persistence was needed at every post, and the confidence that since they were doing what they were doing for Jesus, if there was anything they could

not do in the natural, they would receive help from Him because He would make up for their insufficiencies.

This small team has seen hundreds of similar problems and tasks resolved in the past twenty years, so they persevered through the stadium event with the hope that the same thing would happen again. And it did. Basically, everything was fine even if there was a situation or two that was only a hair breadth's away from disaster, but we have a promise from above that even the hairs on our heads are numbered. If something as tiny as 0.3 millimeters in diameter cannot escape God's attention, you can be certain that He will help take care of the bigger things as well. We needed focus, perseverance, confidence in God, patience toward everyone, and a little bit of humor. And on the day, 25 to 40 kilometers walked by the time it was all over, and hundreds of stressful impulses received before each one made the decisions necessary for something or someone to get there, do this, take care of that. And when the team members were getting tired, God used the weather miracle to show them how He was there, interweaving, surrounding and supervising the whole event.

He is the one who gave the vision, He popped ideas in our

heads, He was our protector when the whole thing was in jeopardy, and he crowned the whole 24-year wait with this stadium worship where He blessed those present. That is why all thanks and glory belong to Him as well, and the organizers feel honored to have been a part of it all. The journey goes on, and the most beautiful part about it is the fact that we can count on Him every moment in the future, too. For God is faithful, and He always will be.



ÁBRAHÁM PAJOR: “WORSHIP IS PRIMARILY NOT MUSIC, IT IS A LIFESTYLE, A WORLDVIEW, A PASSIONATE LOVE”

We talked with Ábrahám Pajor, songwriter of Ararat Worship Collective about his personal life, the way his songs are born, his music projects, and of course, the past, present, and future of Ararat Worship.

How did the love of music appear in your life? Did your family background—your father’s career in music—affect its influence on you, or did you arrive at making music via a different route?

The world of music, of instruments, melodies, and rhymes has always been an integral part of my life. Obviously, my father’s musical and lyric writing activity contributed to my siblings’ and my predisposition for arts. This was not so much a conscious child raising strategy as it was an inspiring home atmosphere impacting us. There was constantly quality music on, and there were always musical instruments to befriend. I remember, as an elementary school kid, I wrote a song before I ever learnt the multiplication table. Later, as a teenager, I started ministering in the youth worship group of our church at a relatively young age, first as a bass player, then as a guitarist and a singer. Playing an instrument and writing songs have been parts of a very natural process for me, and have

been present in my life from the very beginning.

You were brought up in church, Christianity has never been foreign to you. When did you personally start believing? Would you mind telling us how you decided to follow Jesus Christ?

Thankfully, I was raised in a harmonious home, and as a kid, I received an authentic Christian upbringing. Still, I did not know Jesus Christ personally. For a long time, Christianity only had a moral and sociological dimension for me. For years, all I could perceive of the Christian faith consisted of two things: rules, and a form of community. Even though these are highly valuable, neither my upbringing, nor going to church was sufficient for me to have a personal relationship with God. If I were to compare my life back then to a gospel character, I would say I was like Zacchaeus, who was so small that he could see all the people gathered together because of Jesus but could not see Jesus Himself. He could sense the outer form but not the inner substance. And just like him, I needed a per-

sonal encounter with Jesus and a personal decision for Him in order for real transformation to take place. After a few roundabouts, I finally made that decision at 16. I wanted to get to know Jesus, I needed to find out who He was, and I had to start out on this journey.

Earlier, you were involved in very different styles of music. How did you get from rap to worship?

The hip-hop formation named EMLP played a very different genre of music from Ararat, but our message never changed. EMLP also intended to preach the gospel, and to reach the extremely intelligent, truth-seeking youths who were integrated in the Hungarian underground hip-hop music in those years. My youth pastor, Norbert Füzér (now pastor of Faith Church in Debrecen) played a crucial role in my salvation, having stood by me since my teenage years, assisting me through the steps of becoming a Christian, and paving my career as sort of a mentor. I started EMLP with him in 2014–2015. In a very short time,

it became very popular. We had concerts all over the country, we preached the gospel, and talked to several popular and influential Hungarian hip-hop performers about Jesus, the Bible, spirituality. Since our purpose never changed, the transition from one music project to another was not at all strange or unusual for us—I see the mission of both EMLP and Ararat as a coherent, comprehensive story.

What does it mean to you to worship God, especially to exalt Him through music?

Worship is primarily not music but a lifestyle, a worldview, a passionate love. Many think that worship begins when the musicians step on the stage and ends when they leave. In fact, it is just the opposite. True worship begins at home, in your private life, at your workplace, on the bus, on the subway, at the grocery store. It is in our everyday lives that we need

to lay down our lives for Jesus, loving Him genuinely, honoring Him, and giving Him thanks. Ideally, as members of a worship team, we merely continue on stage what we do and live anyway.

Would you tell us how Ararat Worship came to be? How and for what purpose did this band come into existence?

I had been writing worship songs even before founding EMLP. Several of the later Ararat songs were actually written 10 to 15 years ago. These worship songs have been ripening in my soul, I rarely shared or published any of them. My thinking was, these songs needed to “work” primarily in my rented apartment, when it was just me and the Lord. If they helped me enter the presence of God in the privacy of my home continually for years, then they might be able to inspire others as well. For years, I was also ministering in the youth meetings of

Faith Church, in worship. In youth praise and worship, for years I played together with amazing and talented musicians such as Krisztián Katona, Zsani Tóth, and Márta Bogdán (later singers for Ararat), Patrik Schweigert (drummer for Ararat), Beni Hajós (guitarist for Ararat), and many others. Out of these people, a spiritual circle of friends evolved in a very organic way through the years. Within that circle, I started showing parts of my songs, my hymns, and we felt more and more inspired to do something with it all together one day. It was in the fall of 2018 that these friends and I sat down in a downtown restaurant, and we decided we would start singing, recording and publishing these songs together for the glory of God.

What does the songwriting process consist of? Are you the only one writing the lyrics, or do you do it together?



Most of the Ararat songs were written by me. There are a couple of songs where other Ararat members also participated in the creative process, for instance my friend Krisztián Katona, one of the singers of the band, who is an amazingly talented young singer and songwriter. The majority of the songs was born out of private prayers and individual situations. They are practically modern psalms. Some songs are different from others regarding the level of inspiration. With many of the songs, the tune and the words "arrived" within 20 to 30 minutes, like a revelation, virtually as one piece as if dictated. In other cases, there are seeds, messages, half lines, tune fragments planted in my heart, "carried" there for weeks or months, or (in my case quite often) for 5 to 10 years even.

Do you have a personal favorite, one that is especially dear to you whether because of the message it contains or because of the story surrounding its birth?

There are several songs that I cherish, but let me mention the one entitled "Man of Sorrows". When that one was born, I instantly knew this was one of the most significant songs I had ever received. During the recording of the video clip, toward the middle of the song, several of us felt such a powerful presence of the Lord that we fell on our knees, and as for me personally, for several minutes I kept saying, "God, I cannot share this message, I am not worthy, this is too sacred, too hot". That was when I came to realize that the gospel was not one of the most important messages of Christianity but the only one.

Many listen to you online, and your concerts are sold out within days. To what do you think you owe this success?

I believe this has nothing to do with our popularity but rather with that of Jesus. He said that He would draw all men unto Himself wherever He would be lifted up. We live in perilous times, there are a lot of problems and there is great uncertainty. People (believers and unbelievers alike) need a touch from God more than ever. It is our sincere desire that our songs would help bring about this supernatural encounter.

How do you handle popularity? Is it a challenge for you to remain in the background and put Jesus in the center as it says in your motto?

Obviously, we are aware of the fact that many like what we do,

and that is a great honor. At the same time, we try to focus on the responsibility aspect of popularity instead of the experience itself. When we get together, put songs together, practice for worship night, we do not pray that more and more people will know Ararat. We honestly do not care about that. We pray instead that the fifty-year-old man who is sick with COVID and is listening to us in the hospital would be healed. That the believing mom who has been praying for the salvation of her child for ten years would be encouraged in her faith. That the Atheist law student sneering upon Christianity would encounter the power of the cross the way we have. That the Christian teenager struggling with his dark side would stand up and start over for the ten thousandth time if neces-

sary. This is our motivation, this is the only reason all this matters.

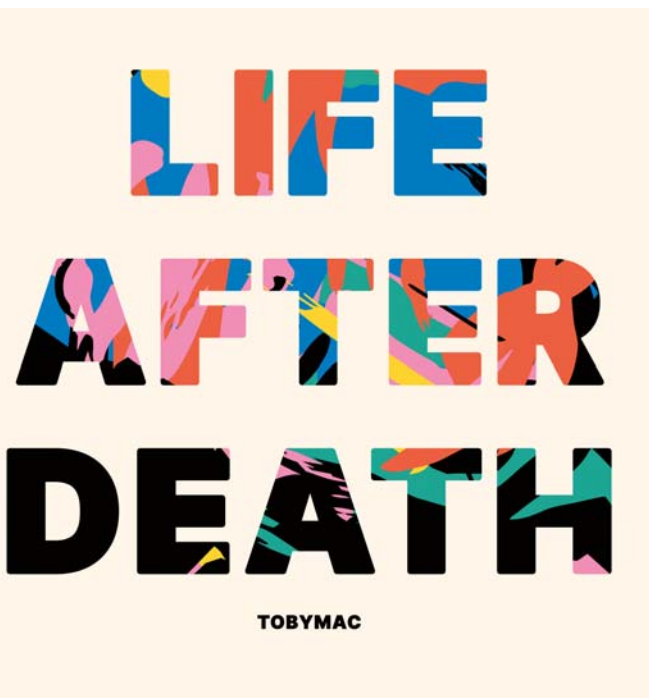
Do you have any long-term plans? Can we expect a new album soon?

In the past year, I have written enough songs for almost two full albums. We are slowly and continually working on recording those. We try to juggle events and studio work with our regular jobs, private lives, families, etc., and we trust that by the grace of God, we will be able to present a new album soon.



ALBUM REVIEW

Thank God, there are new Christian albums published one after the other. We would like to recommend some of these to you.



TobyMac: *Life After Death*

"This album chronicles my journey from the depths of the deepest valley to the beauty of God's promise that He will never leave us. Ain't no doubt about it, He is still the goodness in my life," TobyMac says about the project.

"As most of you know, it's been a hard, hard road for me the last couple of years," TobyMac recalls. *"I began writing this record right after losing my first-born son—the first few songs I wrote were just really sad songs, lamenting songs. At that point, I was just like, 'Am I just going to live here? Is this my journey for the rest of my life?,' but God began giving me glimpses, starting with 'Help Is On the Way.' I started to really stand on that promise, and really believe that help is on the way."*

Our favorite song: *Help Is On The Way*



Rend Collective: *Whosoever*

"Our big hope for Whosoever is that it would be more than just Christian music, but that it would be an invitation for absolutely everyone to encounter and celebrate the good news of Jesus, regardless of what labels, mistakes or religious baggage we carry. We all have access to grace and hope, and that's what we're singing about on this record," the band said about their new album.

Our favorite song: *Hallelujah Anyway*

for KING & COUNTRY: *What Are We Waiting For?*

"The last two years have been very unique for all of us," says Luke Smallbone. *"It's been a strange time. Going through struggle, you end up asking yourself some interesting questions like 'What am I doing with my life?,' 'What do I want to be known for?,' 'What am I living for?,' I think the phrase, What Are We Waiting For?, encompasses the meaning behind this album."*

Our favorite Song: *For God Is With Us*



Martin Smith: *Dancing In The Fire*

"This album is so dear to my heart, during the writing of this I was having a revelation of my own self, my humanness, my sadness, my joy. Everything was heightened and I think you can hear 'gratefulness' in these songs. I hope the songs are more honest, more direct now. Maybe you become more confident in who you are and more secure in what you want to say."

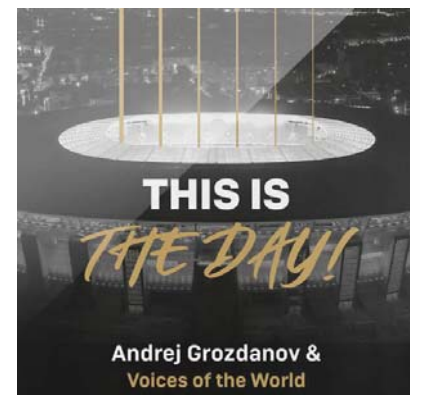
Our favorite song: *Trouble*



Andrej Grozdanov: *This Is The Day!*

"In recent years, I have had over six hundred concerts in surrounding countries and all over the world. During my travels, I got to know many worship leaders. I discovered how faithfully they serve the Lord and people, using their talent in their mother tongue. I wanted to capture some of these jewels in an album, that is how this recording was born."

Our favorite song: *Seek Ye First (feat. Béla Pintér)*



**GOD OPPOSES
THE PROUD BUT
GIVES GRACE
TO THE HUMBLE.**

James 4:6



TESTIMONIES

FROM THE STADIUM

THE WORD HAS WEIGHT



Despite my somewhat advanced age, I felt moved by Jesus to volunteer to distribute the Jesus Bibles. At the gates, we passed out vouchers to those that entered and then a handful of us—not quite enough—opened the Bible tent by Gate A, getting ready to distribute eight pallets, or approximately 5,600 Jesus Bibles. At home, I measured the weight, made some calculations, and I still find it hard to believe that by moving and rearranging at least 350 boxes, those two men there moved 4.2 tons of Scriptures in a mere four hours.

We tried to arrange distribution so that it would also include a short prayer of blessing and an encouragement to actually read the Bible. To my surprise, the majority made a definite and credible promise to do so.

After the first hour, I was already aware that I was ministering at the greatest evangelistic event of my life. I could see in the faces of the people who turned to us that during those few hours of worship, the Holy Spirit had thoroughly prepared their hearts and souls to receive the gift of the Jesus Bible, the reading of which is a long, transforming, profound fellowship with Christ!

After 11 pm, when all participants had left, the security guards came and asked whether they could also get a Bible. For another 30 minutes, we could not shut up the tent, they just kept coming and asking for the Bible. It was absolutely clear to them and to us: it was all an undeserved gift, and the otherwise fearsome faces showed a childlike joy and happiness. It was a memorable day for them!

Late at night, walking toward my quarters, I praised Jesus for this joint adventure with a grateful heart. I myself have been reading the words of Jesus continually since then, and I also use meditative prayer inspired by the notes. May the Holy Spirit be poured out upon everyone who got their hands on a Jesus Bible that day. *(Csaba)*

ALTARS OF WORSHIP IN THE BLEACHERS

Where can I start describing the huge miracle that this day meant? There are really no words to express my gratitude for those who helped me get there and those who organized that day. One of the many gifts I received was meeting two of my three best friends. One of them I got to know in a chat during one of the Hope Nights, and she has been one of my earthly pillars since then. It was in Puskás Arena that the three of us could meet in person for the first time. Glory and thanks to the Lord for that! If that had been all I received, I would still be immensely grateful.

However, that day was so much more than that, a much greater miracle. Heaven touched the earth, and the will of God came down as 40,000 of us exalted His name. We built an altar of worship that extended to many places in the world beyond Hungary by uniting the hearts of so many. I can still hear the notes of Let It Rain, to which the Lord responded, changing the whole day. The floodgates of heaven were opened. We experienced haven on earth. It was not just physical rain coming to the earth as an answer to our prayers, but spiritual rain refreshing the hearts of many nations and countless individuals. I believe this rain will make

a difference in the lives of people and of countries, because there were so many hearts raising an altar of praise that day to God. There is a verse that says, "Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel." (Psalm 22:3) The original language talks about God sitting in the midst of the praises. He enjoys our worship, our adoration, His altar was made up of our surrendered hearts.

It is my prayer for everyone that their hearts will remain an altar of worship, because worship, and the exaltation of God's name is the power that lifts us out of the pit of this world's troubles, and that is only one of its many functions. It also transforms hearts, turning them into dwelling places for the Lord. When someone falls on their knees during worship, God will glorify His name in that situation. And when we commit ourselves to worshiping Him in our everyday lives, He will come and flood us with His love, the special love that only He can give because it comes from Him alone.

I am certain that all of heaven was dancing and partying that day, possibly even more jubilant than us.

Thank you, Lord, that our worship went up to heaven, and you began to work out a change in our nations. Thank you that I could be a part of it, and the dream I had cherished for two years had finally come true, and I was given more than I had expected. We were all partakers of a miracle come true. Worship and humility go hand in hand. When these two are present, the greatest miracles are born. I enjoyed every minute of it. The heart of God was deeply touched by our choice to spend that day exalting His name together, "paying with bulls the vows of our lips", for worship is an offering, and where there is an offering, God will always respond with fire. This fire is burning hot in my heart, and I believe I am not the only one. *(Edina)*



INDEED, GOD BROUGHT ME HERE

When I got to Puskás Arena, and volunteers welcomed me with the traditional Hungarian greeting, "God has brought you here", my tears started flowing, because it was indeed God who led me there. I did not know this event, I had never heard about it. In the spring, when I was looking online for a prayer set to music, I came across an ad for this event. I bought my ticket right away, because I knew I had to be there. God is the one who brought me through all the deep valleys in my life, starting by bringing me back from a coma after a car accident when the doctors had already given up on me (I have written a book about that).

When I bought my ticket, I had no idea how I would get to This is the day!, for no one I knew wanted to go with me. But God took care of everything. He led me to the church that was organizing the bus going to Budapest. And during the worship, I received encouragement from God to write another book. I want to thank the organizers for this amazing day, I am still reveling in it. I am also grateful for the free trip and the wonderful Jesus Bible as well as for the labor of love shown by the volunteers. Everything was so well arranged, I did not have to queue anywhere, which is incredible in a crowd that size. I am very grateful that I could be there. *(Anita)*

A DAY OF MIRACLES

I am so grateful to God that I could be there. I was still recovering, not feeling very strong, but I was surrounded by the gifts and miracles of God. The first miracle was the extra train to Zuglő and the special buses to the stadium. The second one was the fact that despite the heat, so many people lifted up the name of God with one heart, creating an atmosphere that defied words.

The third one was God giving us a sign through the cloud and the rain that He was present and we were under His protection. All of us considered that a supernatural miracle. The fourth one was the fact that I did not see or hear anything negative all day, not even when the row of people had to stand up for the tenth time to let us out. The fifth one, and this is the greatest of all, many responded to the message of God, expressing their desire to see a change in their lives.

The sixth one was when at the end of the meeting, I could not join my group, because they were already halfway to the train station, and I got scared, wondering how on earth I was going to get to the train station, because I could not walk all the way because of my weak knees, and not knowing which way to go anyway. As I stepped out through the gate, I looked around to see if I could maybe get a taxi. Suddenly, a bus stopped, and the driver called out, "Special bus to Zuglő train station". I said, no way. But it was true!

Our Father gave us so many treats that day! My deepest thanks for every miracle, every song, every message, the transportation, the excellent organization and the organizers! All blessing and glory to the name of the Lord Jesus for it all! *(Edit)*



THROUGH THEIR WORDS

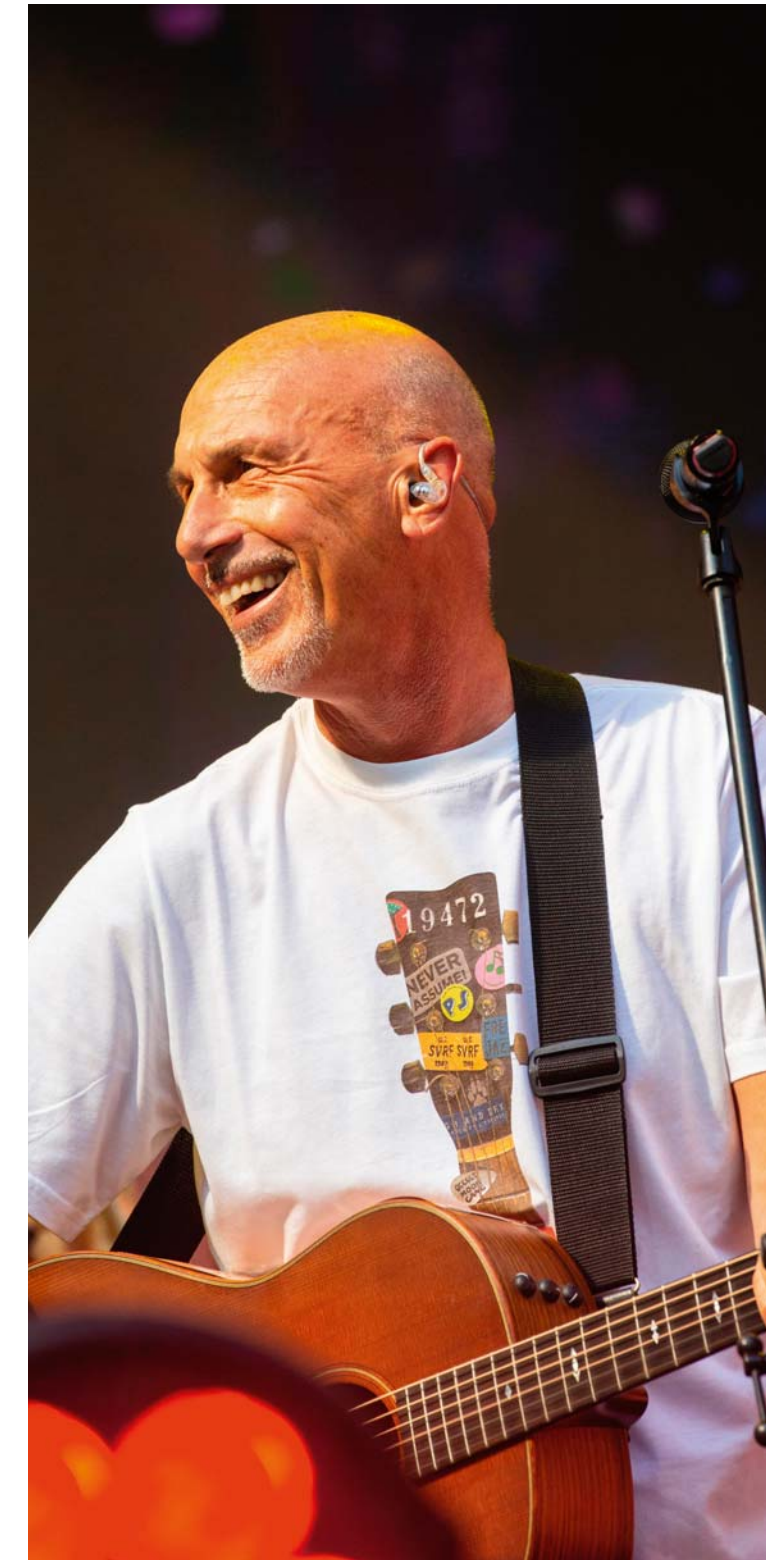
THIS IS WHAT
THE PERFORMERS
OF THIS IS THE DAY!
SAID ABOUT THEIR
EXPERIENCE
ON JULY 23RD

NOEL RICHARDS

That day was awesome! As an American preacher once said, "Stadiums were not only built for sports but for the last great breath of God as well." I like the idea of these arenas being cathedrals of praise where churches gather in great crowds to reveal the glory of God and the fact that Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords. This was the vision behind the Wembley event, too. There is only one champion in the world, and that is Jesus Christ, and He is the one we need to celebrate. It was amazing to be there on July 23rd, to see another dream come true as tens of thousands gathered from all over Central Europe and beyond with one accord in order to exalt God. It was a special and memorable day for me.

It is important for us to stop now and look to God regarding the future. To tell Him that we got to the end of a journey, and to ask for a new vision about what to do next. When a season ends, it could mean the beginning of another, even more exciting, season. However, we should not go our own way but rather wait on God and see what He says and where He leads.

The Puskás Arena event started with a dream, and I believe God plants dreams, visions, and desires in our hearts so we can serve Him with those. I want to encourage everyone who was there that day or even just heard about the story of that day later to open their eyes and receive a vision about what it is that God wants to do in our lives. How far ahead can you look? How great is your vision? What would you like to do for God? Go after your dreams!



CARMEL

It was amazing to be there for This is the day!, and I am grateful to the team of organizers that we were able to worship the Lord at the venue that can hold the most people in the whole country. It was exhilarating to step on the stage and see Puskás Arena filled with believers and seekers, those who long to be in a relationship with Jesus. There are not too many majestic moments like that in one's life. Singing praises and hymns before such a crowd of people and listening to the audience humming with you because you all are connected by music and the power of Jesus is indescribable.

I believe this was more than just that day, and it will have a far-reaching impact, and the whole world is going to hear about what happened here. This day was not about doctrines or clichés

but Jesus. He was in the center. I believe our nation is in desperate need to hear the name of Jesus proclaimed, lifted up, exalted. He needs to be a role model to us, present in our everyday lives, not just our churches and worship services. However, we need to be careful, we cannot force this on anyone, because faith is very personal. Everyone needs to feel the desire in their own heart, and make a decision for Jesus. Our job is to tell them that all the stories recorded in the Bible are true. The Word is alive, God is alive, Jesus is alive, He is with us to this day, and He will be forever. That is why we can encounter Him at a great worship event like this one, but also in a church, or in our home. The important thing is to seek Him!



MARTIN SMITH

It was fantastic to be there at the stadium. It is always amazing when we gather for such events and connect with our brothers and sisters from all over the world. I consider it a great honor that I could be a part of it and that I could watch the whole thing grow through the years, the way you held on to your vision, and after all the smaller events, you finally got to the stadium. This is an excellent example for the fact that great things can happen if we only persevere and believe in something long enough. That day was historic! That is one of the reasons why it was so wonderful to sing with Stu G our Delirious? song entitled History Maker. To perform that song in this stadium was indeed history making. I rejoice that I could experience those great moments with you all.



SÁMUEL MIKE

That was a fantastic day! I am grateful to God and the organizers. Still, to me, the journey leading to it meant even more. I decided to go to Budapest seven times, and walk around the stadium, praying. In the end, I did it nine times. At first, I went alone, then I was joined by the organizers, fellow ministers, then others from my town, Kecskemét, fellow believers and pastors from all denominations. These prayer walks gave me a lot of joy and affirmation. Now I continue to pray at home that God the Holy Spirit will watch over the songs, the messages, the gospel, all that was shared there. Stay blessed!



BÉLA PINTÉR

What we call This is the day! has been going on for over two decades, with all its ups and downs, all its hardships as well as its joys and blessings. July 23rd was the peak of that journey, something we have been preparing for ever since this vision was born in the hearts of Viktor László and Laci Prazsák to one day fill the stadium of the nation. The worship events held year by year at Budapest Arena and elsewhere were all pointing to this, and it is phenomenal that we could finally be there and this dream could come true.

When you throw a stone in the water, it will sink almost immediately, but its aftereffects will rearrange the whole surface. There were tens of thousands of us present that day, and the program ended late at night, but I believe that just like a stone thrown in the water, that day will also have lasting consequences. I pray that all the blessings we received there, all that our souls experienced, would be permanent, and that we would be able to pass it on. I believe people will see that our hearts have drawn closer to God, and others will also be blessed through that.



JOTH HUNT (PLANETSHAKERS)

It was incredible to see the stadium full of people. It is amazing when a nation is able to fill an arena for Jesus. We considered it a great honor to be a part of this miracle, coming from Australia, halfway across the world. It was a long trip, but it was well worth it to join you all and exalt the name of Jesus above Hungary.

It is our goal to visit the nations and shake them up for the glory of God, that is why we came to you. Before every performance, we pray that there would be breakthroughs, healings, deliverances, and revelations that participants

receive. We would like to create an atmosphere with our worship where God is able to move and meet every need that people might have.

The Bible says we should not be sorrowful because the joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10). If we have a cheerfulness from the Lord, that is something powerful. We want to encourage the Hungarian Church to be joyful, and to offer cheerful praise, because God wants His Church to be strong and filled with joy.



LÁSZLÓ PRAZSÁK

I am grateful for the worship event at the stadium but I also know this is only the beginning. I believe that once revival starts, many stadiums will be filled with people seeking and worshiping God. In my opinion, this event was an early stage of that, and it fills me with joy that we have come this far.

As for me personally, I have been carrying this vision for 29 years, ever since I served as a worship leader at a David Yonggi Cho evangelistic meeting in 1993 near the People's Stadium. In one of the breaks, a few of us walked to the stadium, and that was when I told the others that one day there would be a huge praise and prayer meeting at that place. I could sense this idea was from the Holy Spirit, and I am grateful that I could watch God put the fulfilment together step by step.

Large-scale events have their places just like smaller gatherings. Jesus Himself ministered in small fellowships, but he also held "events" with thousands present where many were healed and

delivered. I love small-scale meetings where you can look everyone in the eye, but it is also the will of God to take the blessings received in such intimate meetings to a huge stadium, because the Lord is able to touch many through such an event. I believe in revival, I believe that as the Scriptures say God will pour out His Spirit upon everyone in the last days. We are at the brink of that. Many will seek the Lord, that is why we need large events, too.

What each individual will take away from such a gathering will depend on how the Word of God touched that person. Many will go home with enthusiasm and cheer, which is not bad in and of itself. However, the ones who heard the voice of the Lord through the messages or the songs, they are the ones who take home the real treasure. It is my heart's desire that the Word would become alive for as many people as possible and they would return home from such a meeting filled with that Word.

LÁSZLÓ CSISZÉR

God is faithful to keep His promises. We felt led by Him to gather His people so we could exalt Him with one heart and one soul. All we need to do in order for Him to fulfil that promise is worship and obey Him. To me, that particular day at the stadium was evidence of the fulfilment of His word.

I was very happy that so many of us got together with the intention of showing love and encouragement to one another. It was so nice to run into my fellow musicians in the corridors and to encourage each other by saying, "Your ministry was so blessed, and what

you are doing is a huge gift from God". We patted each other on the back, we hugged one another with genuine love, and shared with each other, "it is so good that you do this, that you are here". It was not about competing with each other to see who does it better, since everyone offered to God what they had. Such affirmations are really good because they show that we are striving to practice the love of God among us.

HANNA

I have sung in huge halls before, but this occasion was completely different. Already the arrival was amazing, because even outside, you could hear the sound of the crowd, the resounding praise.

When our segment started, I said a few words, stressing how important it was to declare that God was the greatest and the king of this nation. It was really moving to hear a loud agreement from the audience.



JONATHAN HELSER (BETHEL MUSIC)

It was an honor to be present in your beautiful country, and it was exhilarating to see so many people seeking Jesus and longing for heaven. There is something special about many thousands singing together to Christ, because it creates an atmosphere in which God is able to do anything. I loved the heartwarming moments when so many shouted the praise of God in that stadium. It is also moving to glimpse an individual face in the crowd and see

that young guy in the first row maybe encounter Jesus for the first time. Such worshipful moments are crucial because they may change your whole life, the way it happened to me at the age of 16. It is my message to everyone in these hard times, "Do not give up, for God is with you in the valley! Trust Him, and He will lift you out of the deep!"



TIM HUGHES

I know getting to the stadium has been a long journey, so it was really great to see the whole church gather together to praise God. It was a privilege to be there. It is always an honor to exalt the name of Jesus, but to do it with so many at once is truly amazing. It was a hot day, but the participants were passionate for Jesus, and despite the heat, many danced in the presence of the Lord.

Moments like the ones we experienced in the stadium serve to remind us that we are all parts of something bigger than our local congregation. When we go

to a place like that and look around, we see how many of us there are, and it will strengthen and encourage us, giving us a glimpse of how many more there will be in heaven.

It is important for us to know in the hardships that there is hope in Jesus no matter what we go through. He is always worthy of our praise, and there is always something we can give thanks for.

I encourage you to join a local church and share your faith with others. There is hope, just look to Jesus, He is with us.



ANDRÁS HELLINGER

I felt incredulous as I got to the stadium and saw the immense crowd. They all came because of God. It was amazing to stand on the stage in front of so many and to proclaim who this God is that we worship. It was a huge thing that everyone worshiped the Lord with one heart, one will, looking in the same direction. It was a foretaste of heaven. The experience of unity was really good. No matter who you ran into—whether an old friend or a first-time acquaintance—, you could immediately see in their eyes what and who brought them there. There is an exhilarating sense of community when we all look to heaven.



HELÉNA

It felt amazing to stand on that stage, and I thoroughly enjoyed the preparations as well. My heart beats in unison with the goal of This is the day! to gather believers of all denominations so we can lift up the name of God with one voice. It was exhilarating to hear the audience join in the praise right away. That day was not about performances happening on the stage that the audience quietly listens to. We exalted our Father in unity. Some did it on the stage, others in the bleachers. There is incredible strength in unity, and I want to encourage everyone to be a member of a Christian fellowship where they can experience that all the time.

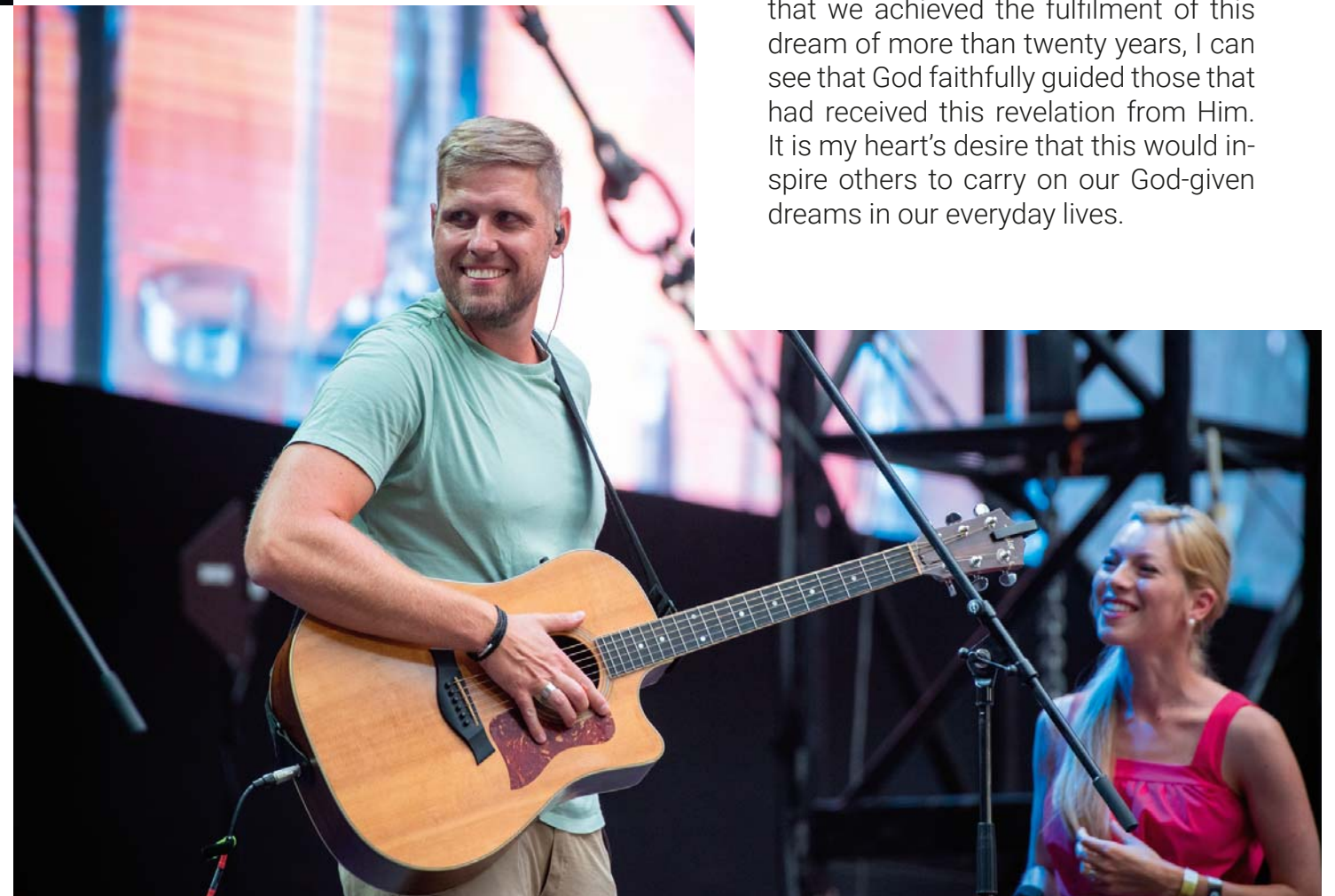


ILLÉS DOBNER

It was incredible to be able to play music at home again, to stand on the stage with old Hungarian friends, and to play the well-known songs. The fact that after years of confinement so many of us could gather in that stadium and worship God together. There is something amazing about the unity of purpose among Hungarians, Slovaks, Polish, British, Australians, and the list goes on. We are all connected by our love for Jesus and our desire to exalt His name. That is so wonderful!

ÉVI DOBNER

It was a joy and a privilege that so many of us could be together that day and exalt the name of our God. It was amazing to see thousands of people coming to the stadium with enthusiasm and a worshipful attitude. Events organized by This is the day! have spanned my whole life, and there was always a profound moment when the joy of an encounter with God, His presence, came to me, personally. It is great to experience that in any situation, even alone, but there is something powerful about being surrounded by so many people who feel the same way. We sing and worship together. It is wonderful when believers gather and go before their King together. Now that we achieved the fulfilment of this dream of more than twenty years, I can see that God faithfully guided those that had received this revelation from Him. It is my heart's desire that this would inspire others to carry on our God-given dreams in our everyday lives.



FERENC BALOGH, JR. (HIDDEN KINGDOM)

It was an enormous honor and a fantastic feeling to be able to perform before so many people. Throughout the event, I had the sense that something very serious was going on in the invisible realm, for the Spirit of God was among us.

The world we live in is drifting toward an invisible evil as shown by the signs of history. Now more than ever we need to direct people's attention to the person of Jesus Christ, and such events play a major role in that. Jesus is the only person who can truly set us free, make

us happy, and give us a new beginning. The most important thing is to present Jesus as a Redeemer, as a Savior, and the stadium event was an excellent opportunity to do just that. Music is a tool that God can use to soften hearts so the seeds of the gospel would fall into better soil.

I want to encourage all who could not come this time, do not miss the next one!



BASIL MEADE (LONDON COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR)

It was exhilarating to be at that amazing event in Budapest. Thousands of us from various nations celebrated life in Jesus Christ together. This is the essence of our life on earth, to preach the love of God that gives life to each and every person who receives Him. That is what we did at the stadium, and it gives me great joy that we as members of LCGC could be a part of that. To everyone who has not yet experienced the happiness that accompanies receiving the gift of salvation by Christ, I say look around the chaos in this world, and compare that to the smiling faces you could see in the stadium. The best life you could possibly live is the one with Jesus.



NOEL ROBINSON



There is great significance in the combination of faith and actions, and that is what we could see. The organizers had faith that something would happen, and they acted accordingly. Whenever people gather together and exalt God's name, He is there among them. On that day, we got together to praise God, and many were renewed in their spirits, their faith reaffirmed in the Father. I believe we are in the middle of a revival, and Hungary has an important role in that. I am convinced that a revival is coming that we have never seen, not only in this nation, but in the surrounding countries either. More stadiums will be filled!

DÁVID PÁLHEGYI (ÚJ FORRÁS)

Many years ago, I came to the predecessor of this stadium with the band Forrás for the Billy Graham crusade. When the old People's Stadium was demolished, and they began to build this new, gigantic one, I had the thought in my heart that this place was being built so that the good news would be proclaimed and Christian bands would perform here. It seemed impossible, I laughed at my own prediction, and yet this dream

came true on July 23rd. Again, I could stand in this place with my band, testifying to God. As I stood on that stage, I had the feeling that I was in my place, and this stadium was indeed meant to have the truth proclaimed in it so that people might find what they are really looking for in their heart of hearts.



TAMÁS PAJOR

It was amazing to see tens of thousands of believers gather together. The event was very special in the sense that both the performers and the audience came from various parts of the world. Everyone represented the most excellent level of contemporary pop music. The variety was a real treat, while the message had one focal point: the person of Jesus Christ. It would be so good if we could bring Him closer to the world. It was great to hear authentic performers, the original creators of songs

I myself have often sung, in fact, some that I also wrote Hungarian lyrics to. There is something special about hearing a tune from the person who actually composed it. Most of the performers sang their best known songs, so there was a string of these famous songs, providing constant enjoyment of the highest degree.



ANDREJ GROZDANOV

I have performed in Budapest before, and I am also familiar with This is the day!, and their annual events at the Papp László Sports Arena. Every year, I encourage my fellow citizens to attend these worship events, because they can listen to many world class Christian performers, and they can return to our nation refreshed, filled with new energy. This gorgeous new stadium, however, is a completely different level, a special new experience. I was very happy and honored to be asked to sing on stage, because throughout history, Budapest has always been a center of the region—including Croatia—and now spiritually, Hungary has become a center again, unifying the surrounding nations.



ANDRÁS GÁVEL

It was awesome to be at the stadium and have everyone shout to God with us. The emotional plus given by singing may help us open our hearts before God so He can do His work. I trust that this event gave a boost to everyone. God performs His work in secret, we may not openly see what happened in each life that day, but I am glad that we could sow seeds, and we leave the harvest to God.

VICTOR PASCAL (NOT AN IDOL)

It was amazing to be at the stadium and a heartwarming experience to meet so many fantastic people, from the organizers to the members of other worship bands. It was an honor to be a part of that celebration, we give God the glory for that. Our message to everyone is this, “it does not matter what nation you belong to, love one another as brothers and sisters, for God loves us all”.



MISI MEZŐ

I love it when a lot of people gather for a single cause. There is always a plus, an inexplicable burst of energy involved. The tens of thousands who came all responded to a call, the name of Jesus Christ. I am grateful to have seen how Jesus Christ is at work in the hearts of so many, and I believe that at this event, a lot of people were encouraged by the Lord or received something to hang on to in their hardships.



JONATHAN ANDELIC (DICS-SULI)



It was encouraging and inspiring to see that there are so many who long for the presence of God and for us to worship together and share the joy we have. The tangible, or rather heartfelt outcome of This is the day! consists in what the participants take home in their hearts. What really matters is the spiritual experience that all those people we touch through our praise, our songs, our lyrics will return home with. It is always my heart's desire that they would be enriched with lasting treasures. With values that will not fade away or be forgotten, because they are implanted so deep in their hearts that nothing can remove them. I believe that many were able to return home enriched with such an experience from the stadium.

DENISZA GÁBRIEL (CRUX)

It was an incredible experience to sing before so many people. Before that, I could not even imagine what it could be like when tens of thousands of people are together in one place. Seeing our fellow believers from Upper Hungary (Slovakia) in the first rows and knowing we can praise God together gave me extra strength. I am grateful that I could be there, and I want to encourage everyone to pass on in their homes the joy that we could all experience together at the stadium. Spread the good news!



JÁNOS GURZÓ (PZM)

It is good to look back on the history of This is the day! and see the development. Starting with a march, now we were worshiping God in Puskás Arena, the largest stadium in all of Hungary. I believe that was the crowning of all the hard work of the past years, especially after such a hard period. I am especially grateful that so many got together after the pandemic so that we could glorify the Lord together. To every single performer who stepped on that stage, it was awesome to worship with so many people, and I am no exception, it was an unforgettable experience for me as well.



DÁNIEL KÜBLER (KERESZTKÉRDÉS)

It was a great joy for me to see my childhood favorites up close. The selfless humility, compassion, and openness they demonstrated behind the scenes made a deep impression on me. Stadiums are places where people gather for a common cause. I had been in Puskás Arena before, I was able to experience its amazing atmosphere, rooting for Hungarian soccer players. It was great to see on July 23rd that building the kingdom of God can be just as important a goal as the success of the national team.



THIS IS THE DAY!
STADIUM 2022
PUSKÁS ARENA

THANK YOU!

FIVE THINGS TO GUARD FOR A VICTORIOUS LIFE

In Proverbs 4:20–27, Solomon warns us to be especially careful and alert in five areas of our lives.

Proverbs is full of meaningful sayings regarding human behavior. In it, we find a number of succinct statements generally using figurative language to express fundamental truths. Solomon's writings tell us how important the path of wisdom is, and they also explain the rewards of wisdom, and the pitfalls of folly.

In Proverbs 4:20–27, he warns us to be especially alert and careful in five areas of our lives. If we fail to protect these five things, it will set us on the path of disappointment and defeat.

A godly life cannot be achieved passively. It does not just happen. We have to be diligent if we want to be victorious.

1. KEEP WHAT YOU HEAR!

"My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart."

Be careful what you listen to. Strive to incline your ears to what pleases the Lord. Are the words you listen to edifying and strengthening you? What about the lyrics of the music you listen to?

God's Word gives wisdom and understanding. Keep it in the center of your life. Listen to Him speaking to you through His word, then make sure you do what He asks you to. Do not let the truths and wisdom of God's word fall by the roadside. His inspired word will bring you life and health. Solomon wrote, *"For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh"* (Proverbs 4:22).

2. GUARD YOUR HEART!

"Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."

Having a relationship with your maker requires your heart to align with Him. In Psalm 66:18, David says, *"If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."* God will use those whose hearts are right.

When Samuel was looking to see who God had chosen to be the new king in Israel, he received this answer: *"the Lord looks on the heart"* (1 Samuel 16:7). After meeting many sons of Jesse, Samuel asked whether there were any more sons. When he found out there was one more, he asked to see Jesse's youngest son. The Lord told him to anoint David, because

his heart was right, that is why he was chosen. David, the young lad who had been tending the sheep, was anointed king.

In your case, too, what really matters is your true self, the attitude of your heart. He knows your deepest thoughts and innermost feelings. What you think and feel will also manifest in your words and actions.

3. WATCH YOUR WORDS AND YOUR SPEECH!

"Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you."

Solomon taught on the importance of weighing our words carefully, speaking the truth, and not being deceitful. He wrote many proverbs about the same: *"Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence, but a false witness utters deceit. There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment"* (Proverbs 12:17–19).

When people repent from their old habits, their crooked speech will disappear. Speaking the truth will always prevail. A transformed heart will be accompanied by pure



My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

Proverbs 4:20–27

talk. Blessing and curse will not emanate from the same fountain anymore.

Jesus warned his listeners to watch the words they speak. Regarding the pharisees, he said their words betray their character. He said, *"out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks"* (Matthew 12:34). One day everyone will have to stand before Him. *"I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."* (Matthew 12:36–37) Whoever can control their words, they can control their life, too.

4. GUARD YOUR EYES!

"Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you."

Beware what you see! God wants people to be in a close relationship with Him. Sometimes what we see may hinder our communion with Him. Our heavenly Father wants to dwell in intimate closeness with His people.

Is what you see edifying you spiritually? Are the things you watch, the TV programs, movies, and other entertainment media contents acceptable to God? Avoid temptation. We can read God's word regularly and think about what it says. It is a lamp to our eyes and a light to our path.

5. WATCH YOUR FEET AND THE PATH YOU WALK.

"Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil."

Watch where your feet are going. God's words of wisdom will keep you on the straight path. Some convince themselves that it will be to their benefit if they keep on sinning. However, this will take them downhill, and they will find it hard to stop. They will take one step after another on the road leading to destruction. God is saddened when people persist in the way of sin. The ways of the world are bitter. Judgment awaits those who walk in crooked paths.

SONGS FROM HOPE NIGHTS AND THE STADIUM

Hope Nights during the pandemic meant spiritual encouragement and affirmation for many of you, based on your feedback, both within and beyond our national borders. We are grateful that week after week, you joined us in worshipping our heavenly Father even in those hard times. During the broadcast mainly recorded on ship A38, the worship leaders featured tried to choose songs that proclaimed the message of hope and pointed to the fact that our saving God is worthy of praise in any situation.

We published two compilation albums of those nights, featuring a diverse selection of performers. On these albums, you will find a song or two by Béla Pintér, Hanna Projekt, Calvary Praise (Heléna, and Andris Hellinger), Agapé Worship, MPE

Kármel, Karneol, Gréta, András and Gellért Gável, Sámuel Mike, László Prazsák, László Csiszér, Evódia and Norbert Bódi (OIM), Dániel Révész, Péter Lakatos, Caramel, Misi Mező, and Andrej Grozdanov.

Béla Pintér was a regular guest at our online Hope Nights, so the third disc focuses on his songs exclusively. We heard many heartwarming songs from him on those nights, so there were a lot to choose from. The fourth disc consists songs by an up-and-coming new band, Agapé Worship.

Besides the Hope Nights recordings, we also made a selection of the songs recorded at the 20th-anniversary This is the day! Stadium 2020 event, held at Puskás Arena and broadcast online. That recording features songs by Béla Pintér, Laci Csiszér, Laci Prazsák, Hanna, Caramel,

Misi Mező, András and Gellért Gável as well as PZM and Unless.

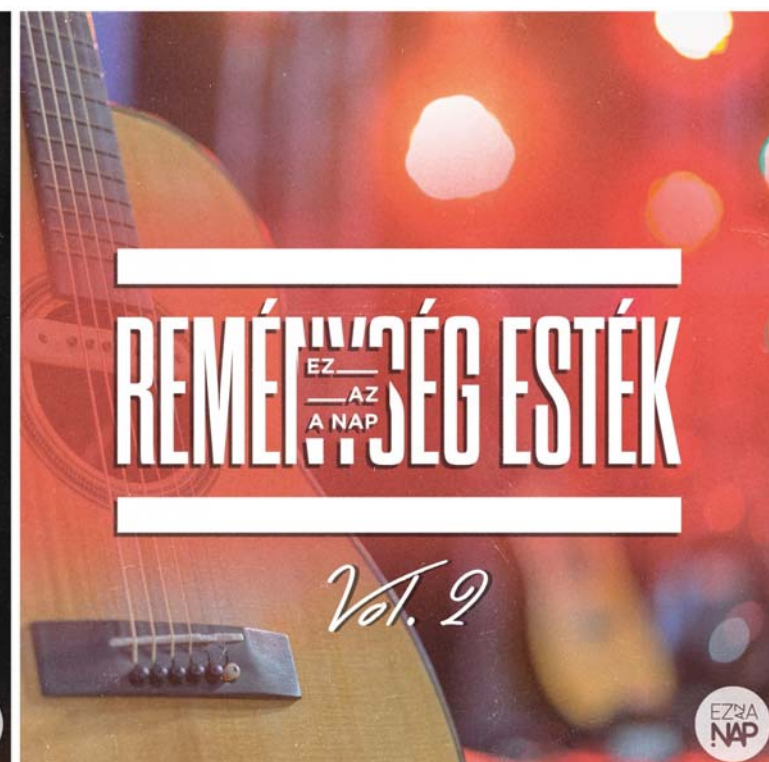
All these albums are available at the well-known music platforms (Spotify, YouTube, Apple Music, Deezer, Tidal, iTunes Store, Bandcamp), look for your favorite one under "Reménység Esték" (Hope Nights), and "Stadium 2020" (Stadium 2020), and listen to the songs again. Of course, these recordings are regularly played on our radio broadcast as well.

“

I have no one else but you, o Jesus,
You're the source of life for me.
With my hands and feet and heart and lips
I want to praise your name.

This flesh-and-blood temple was built for you, Lord,
And the fire on its altars is burning for your sake.
This flesh-and-blood temple will sing your praises,
And the chords of my heart make music to your name.

Flesh-and-blood temple by Béla Pintér
(English words: Éva Kriszt)



READ OUR MAGAZINE ONLINE, TOO

In our daily updated online publication, we primarily select news from the world of national and international Christian music. We also present the work of our foundation and our manifold ministry, and inspirational articles, encouraging messages will not fail to be included either.

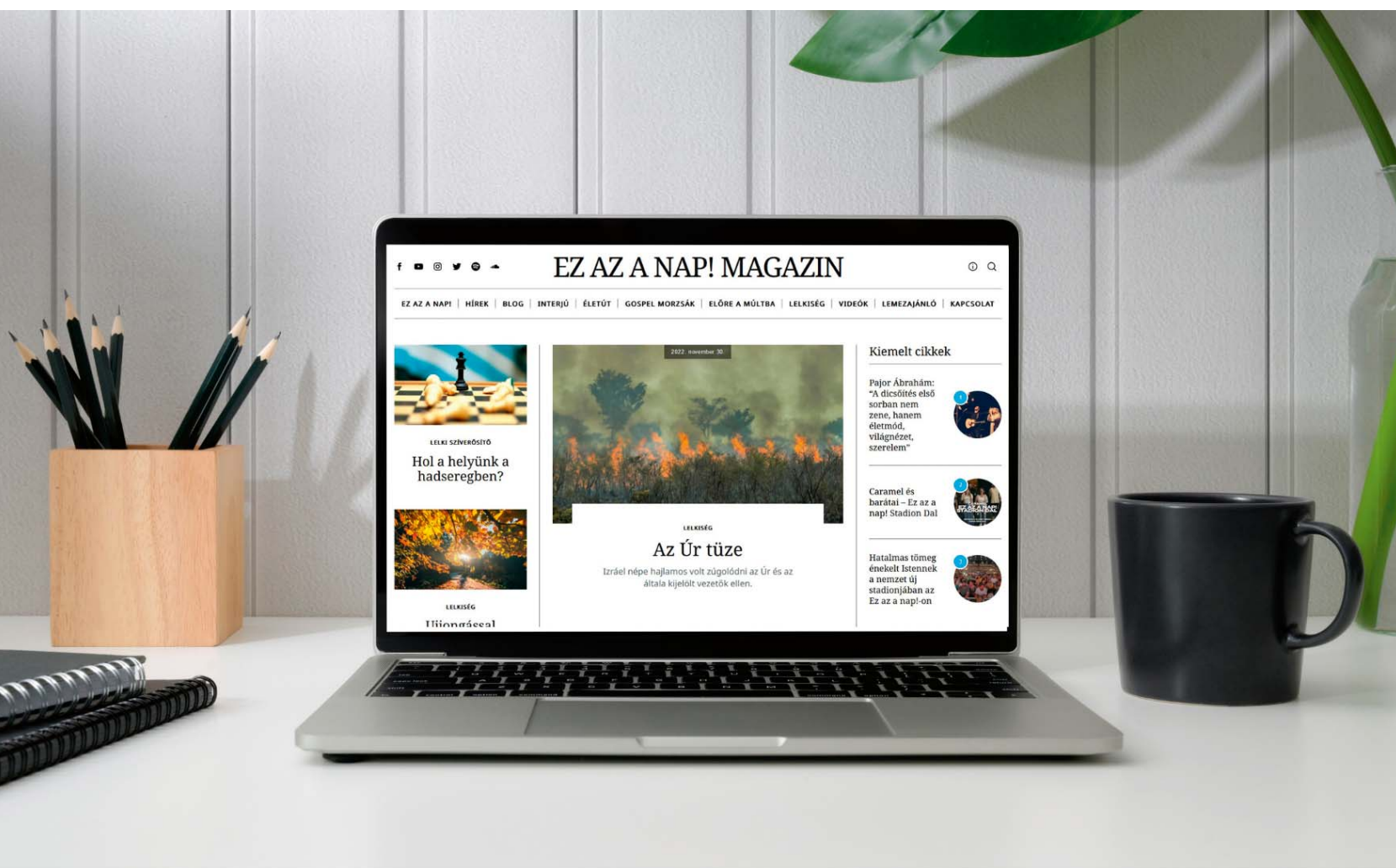
We wish to make interviews with as many bands and individual performers as possible, thereby presenting new and perhaps less

well-known artists with an opportunity to introduce themselves. Besides writing about Hungarian worship bands, we also pay attention to what is happening in the world of Christian music worldwide, and we report the most significant novelties.

Browse the pages of the magazine, read our articles and interviews, listen to the music links, watch our latest video clips. Send us your news or let us know if you have a band and you would

like us to write about you. Add our website to your favorites, share our articles on your social media platforms, and send the link to our magazine to your friends. All suggestions and critical remarks are welcome, help us improve our site! We also welcome the application of young aspiring writers who wish to add to the value of the magazine.

This is where you find us:
magazin.ezazanap.hu



RADIO EZ AZ A NAP! (THIS IS THE DAY!) IT'S ALL ABOUT HIM!

In Radio Ez az a nap! (This is the day!), the best Christian pop music, modern gospel, and praise music is on 24/7. When it comes to song selection, we pay special attention to focus on the national

and international performers people have gotten to know at This is the day! events, but lesser-known bands are also featured.

Tune in to our thematic programs where for a whole hour

you will hear nothing but fresh Hungarian music, or old favorites, or worship songs exclusively.

Download our app on your Android phone or iPhone, or listen to the radio through the web: radio.ezazanap.hu

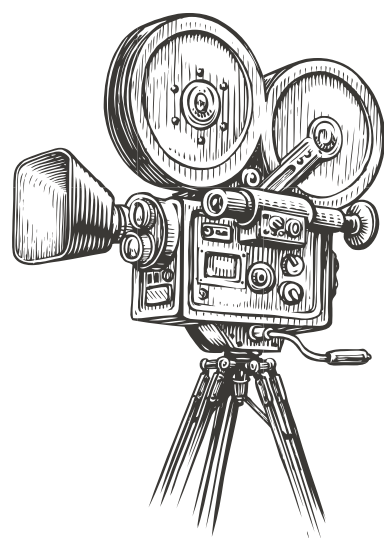


CONTINUOUS LIVE WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE

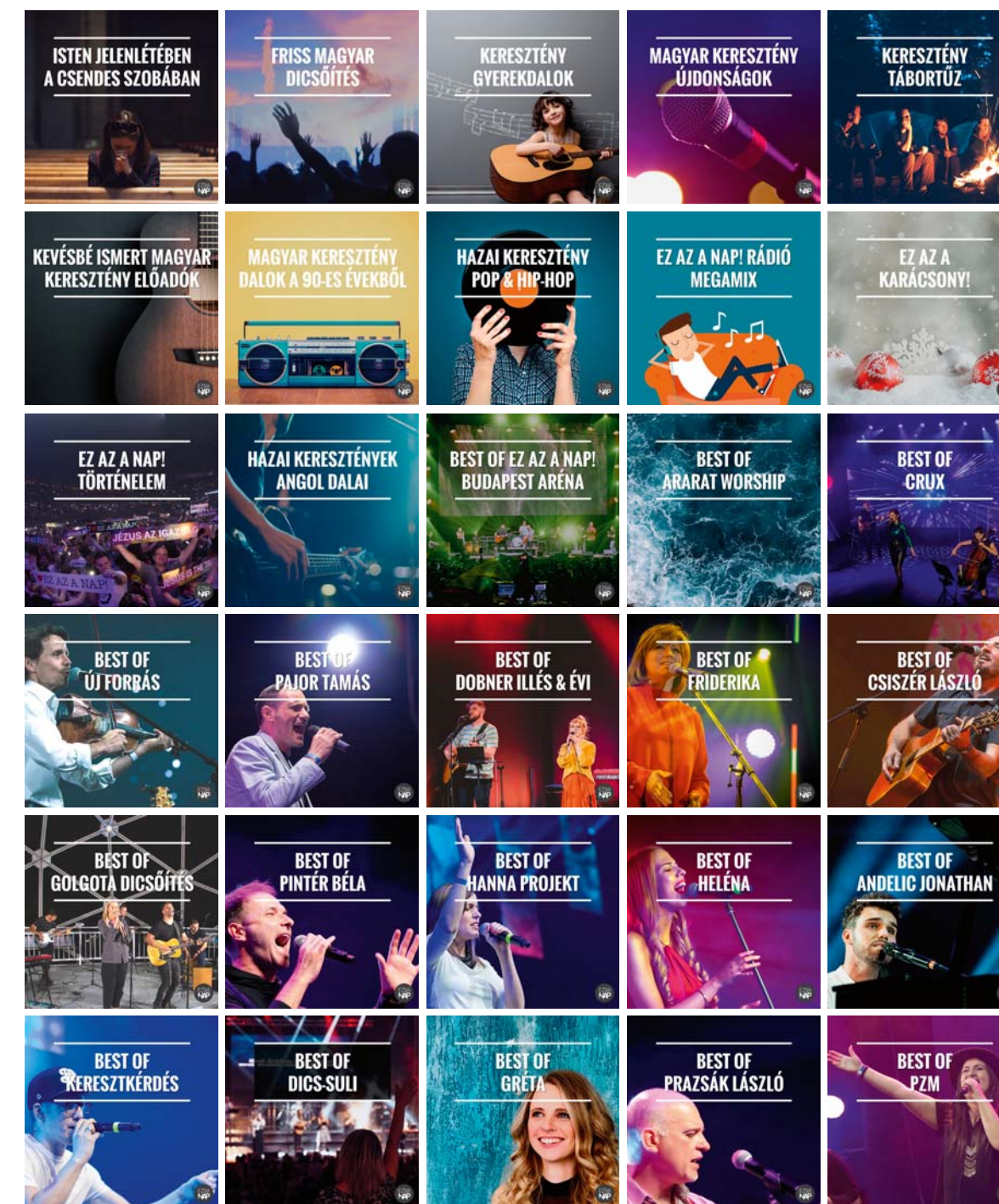
We have launched This is the day! TV, where we are broadcasting 24/7 the best praise and worship songs performed at our previous events. Join us in exalting our God with the help of this brand new initiative. In our non-stop YouTube live broadcast, we select from the songs sung at our events in the past years. Those in-

clude This is the day! events held at Budapest Arena, our Christmas events, our Roadshow that even crossed our national borders, and online Hope Nights. Of course, we will not fail to include the songs played at the stadium either.

We trust that listening to these songs again will be a blessing to you. Look for Ez az a nap! (This is the day!) on YouTube.



LOOK FOR OUR LISTS ON **SPOTIFY!**



CORNERSTONE

BUILDING ON A FOUNDATION OF CHRIST

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK COMMUNITY!



You can find all relevant news and important information regarding This is the day! on our Facebook page. We also regularly update our photo and video gallery, and we try to do a live stream every now and then. Every day, we post a morning devotion and encouraging messages on our timeline.

If you wish to know more about our foundation, and be a part of our community, feel free to join our Facebook group called **Ez az a nap! baráti kör (Friends of This is the day!)**. Here, we share some exclusive information, and invite everyone to be active members through commenting, sharing questions or testimonies.

Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 2:21

FOLLOW OUR INSTAGRAM AND TIKTOK PAGE AS WELL!



Of course, you can also find us on Instagram where we regularly share Scriptural messages in posts and stories, announce our events and what is happening with This is the day! We try to keep up with the times, so we are also present on TikTok. Follow us on Insta and TikTok!



INTRODUCING THIS IS THE DAY!

This is the day! is an interdenominational Christian movement that has been organizing praise and worship events since 2000 where, led by national and international worship bands, we can all worship God, pray, and be in fellowship with our brothers and sisters.

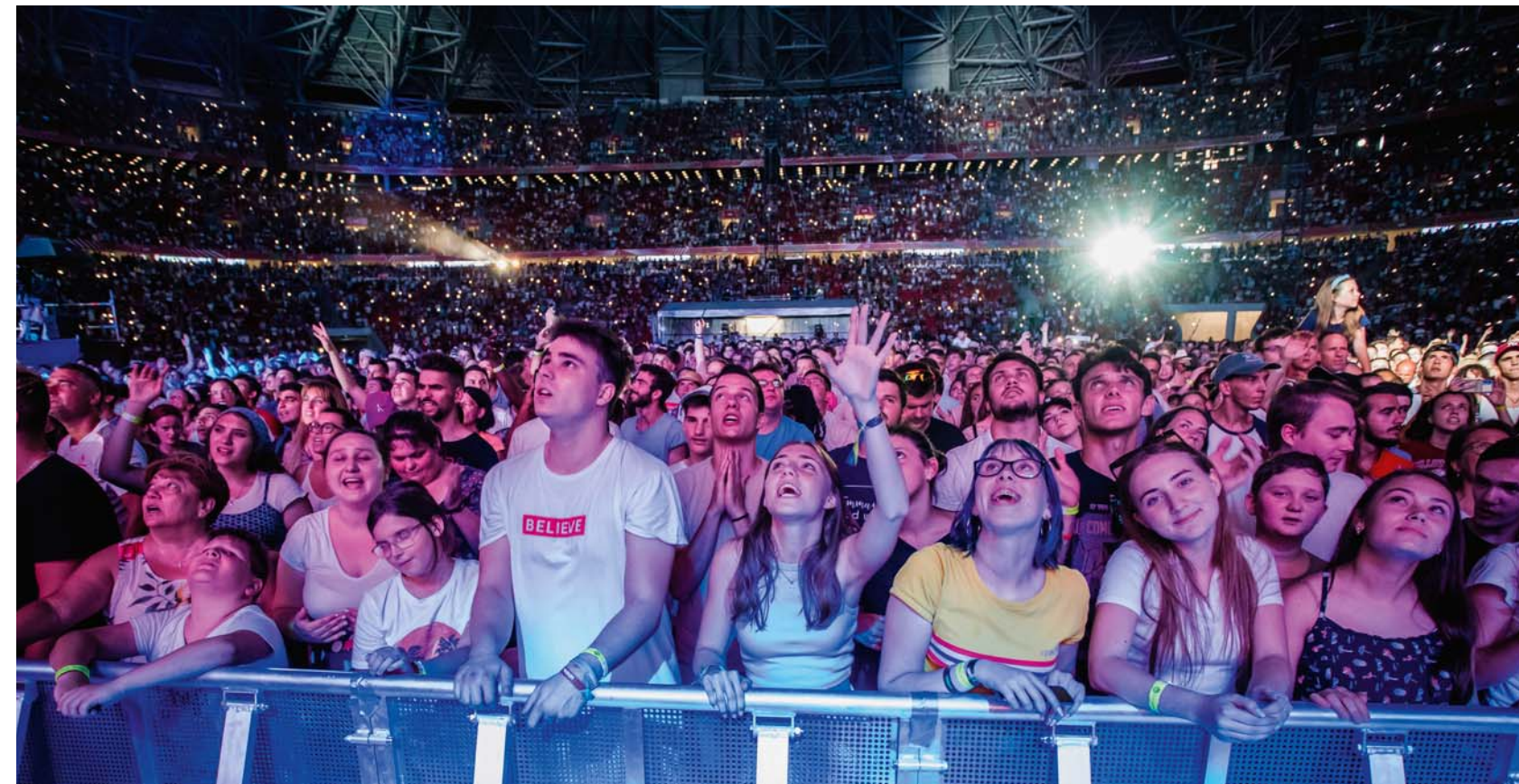


Worship at
Budapest Arena

It is extremely important to us to have a day each year when we gather in Jesus' name with thanksgiving and pray for our nation's repentance and for the church. At our events, attended so far by over a hundred thousand people from all over the Carpathian basin, with performers on the stage representing more than 30 nations, we have been welcoming people both from within and beyond our national borders for over twenty

years now. It is our goal to be more thoroughly committed to God and thereby impacting the world around us. We want to strengthen our fellow believers so their lives would be testimonies to God's love. At every event we organize, the gospel is shared through music, singing, encouragement, teaching, and testimonies.

In the past two decades, we have held dozens of large-scale events where we always



endeavored to put Jesus in the center. In the early 2000's, we started with open-air meetings—we met at Tabán, Margaret Island, Kisstadion, the area around Népszínház, and Heroes' square. We had some marches through the streets of Budapest, and a Roadshow in a few major cities. 2007 through 2009, we had multi-day Soul & Gospel festivals on the roof terrace at Westend. In the 2010's, we moved to Papp László Budapest Arena, and many significant representatives of national and international Christian pop music performed at our full house worship events. At the same time, we also organized smaller-scale club concerts, and Christmas specials, and we crossed the national borders during our concert tours.

We always tried to invite performers who represent a high level from a musical point of view, but even more importantly, we wanted people who have a passion for Christ. We want our events to be way more than just "parties" as the world knows them; we want gatherings where we worship our

Creator and proclaim the good news to people who have not yet personally encountered Jesus.

Responding to the difficulties of recent years, since spring 2020, we launched online Hope Nights. Week by week, hundreds of thousands of people joined us from all over the world, receiving hope and encouragement in the time of trials. In 2021, we initiated a program called Mozdulj! (Move!) to actively help health care workers. We were able to be of assistance to 50 hospitals or health care centers throughout

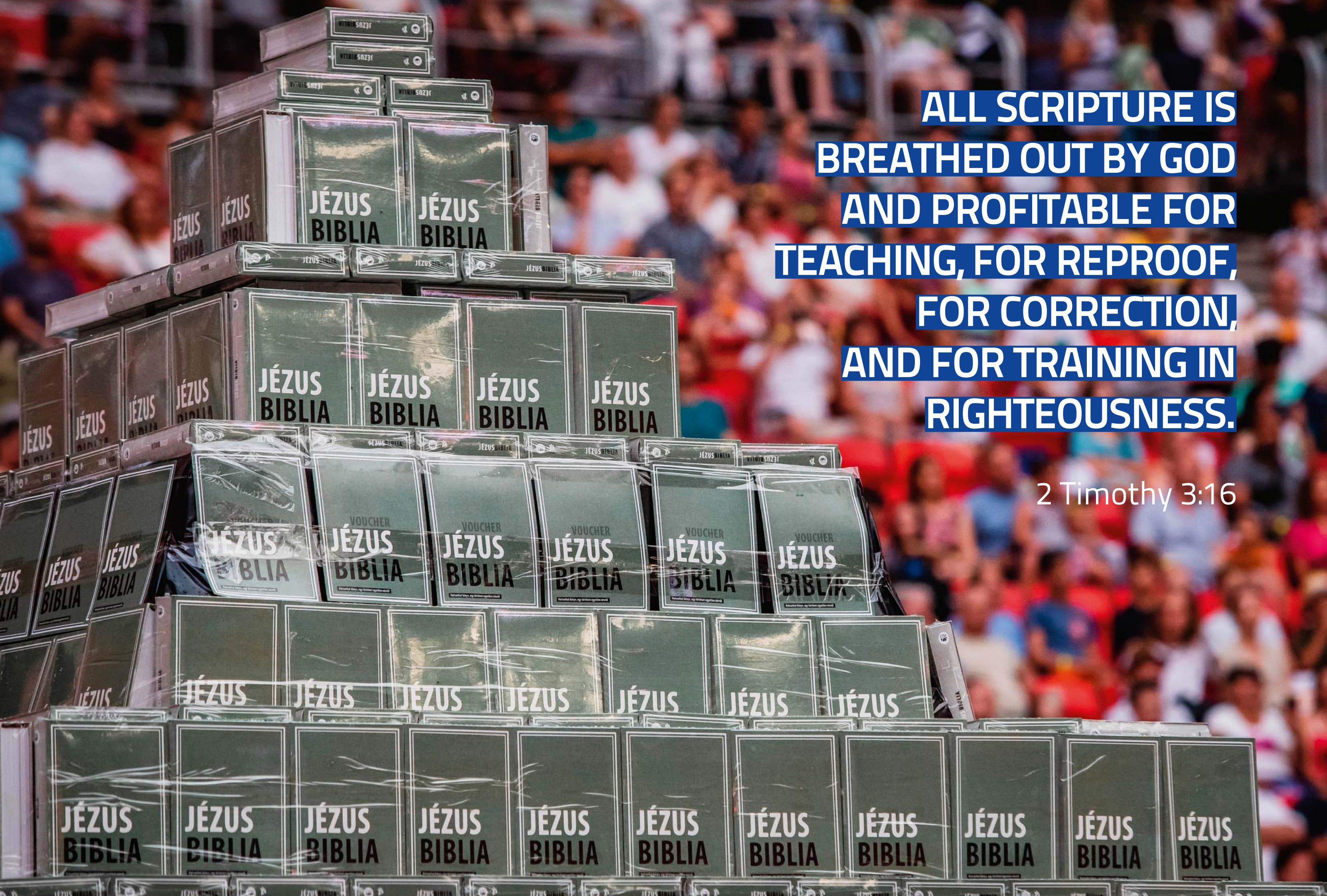
Hungary. Our mission's online ministry has expanded as well: we renewed our radio broadcast, we launched our online magazine, and our sheet music library.

We are grateful that our vision to gather and worship our God in Puskás Arena, the largest stadium in all of Hungary, was fulfilled on July 23rd, 2022. Please follow closely the ministry we are doing. You can find all pertinent information on our website, www.thisistheday.hu.

“

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



**ALL SCRIPTURE IS
BREATHED OUT BY GOD
AND PROFITABLE FOR
TEACHING, FOR REPROOF,
FOR CORRECTION,
AND FOR TRAINING IN
RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

2 Timothy 3:16

THIS IS THE DAY!

ALSO IN 2023

MARCH 11 ★ BUDAPEST

NICK VUJICIC
BUDAPEST ARENA

APRIL 15 ★ VESZPRÉM

EZ AZ A NAP! TRANSDANUBIA
MICHAEL W. SMITH
GERGŐ OLÁH, ÚJ FORRÁS
HANNA PROJEKT

MAY 26 ★ MADRID (SPA)

THIS IS THE DAY! IBERIA
ISRAEL HOUGHTON & NEW BREED,
HILLSONG LONDON + MANY OTHERS

JUNE 3 ★ PULA (CRO)

THIS IS THE DAY! ADRIA
HILLSONG UNITED, MATT MAHER
+ MANY OTHERS

JUNE 10 ★ DEBRECEN

THIS IS THE DAY! STADIUM 2023
HILLSONG UNITED, MATT MAHER
CAMEL, BÉLA PINTÉR, ÚJ FORRÁS
GERGŐ OLÁH, CROSSYOUNITY, CRUX
DICS-SULI BAND, TIBES, TAMÁS PAJOR
EL SHADDAI, ADI KOVACI & EMMA REPEDE

MORE INFORMATION:

WWW.THISISTHEDAY.HU