

Melissa Karges and her students



English Camp that Sarah Berta-Somogyi's Students Attended





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A monument of rose leaves and thorns, commemorating the 1956 revolution against Soviet dictatorship in Debrecen.



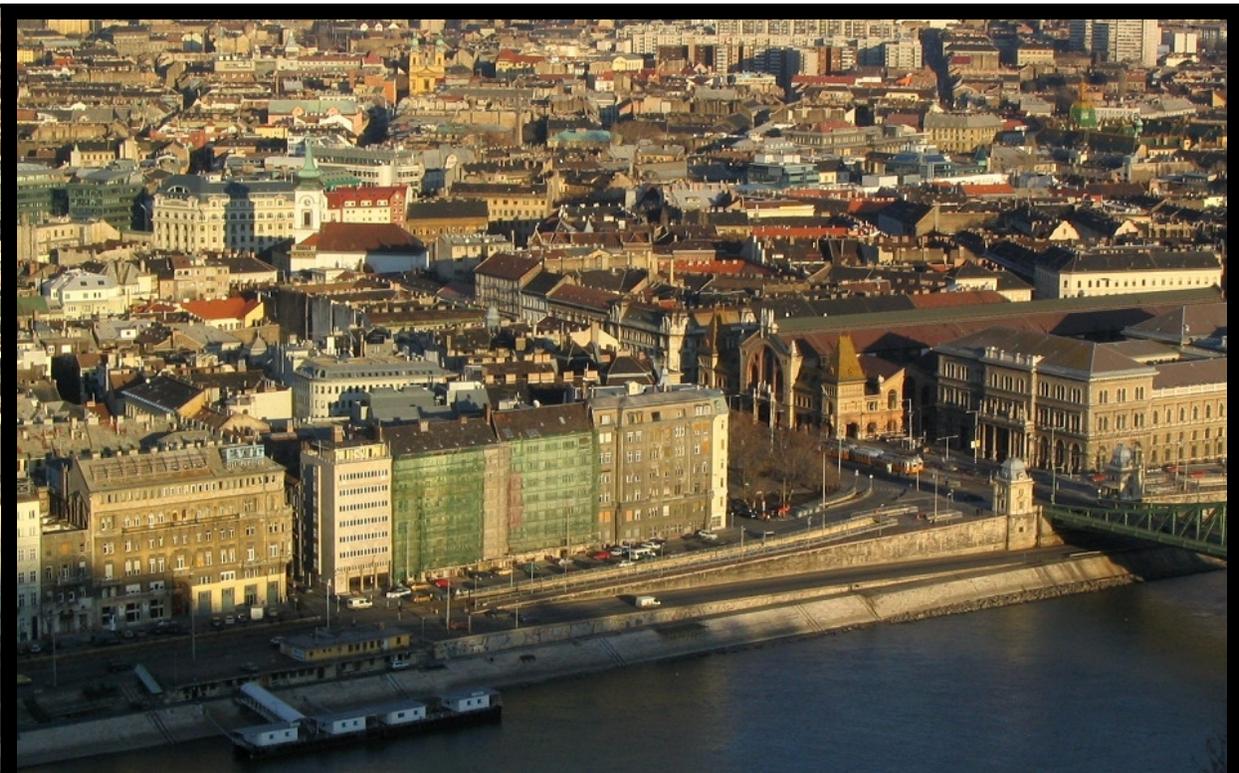
Some houses still bear the marks of shells shot during the revolution of 1956 and World War II.



This is the fence of Buda-Castle with a large Turul-Bird overlooking the city of Pest. The Turul is a mythical falcon-like bird with a sword in it's claws. It is a national symbol of Hungary.



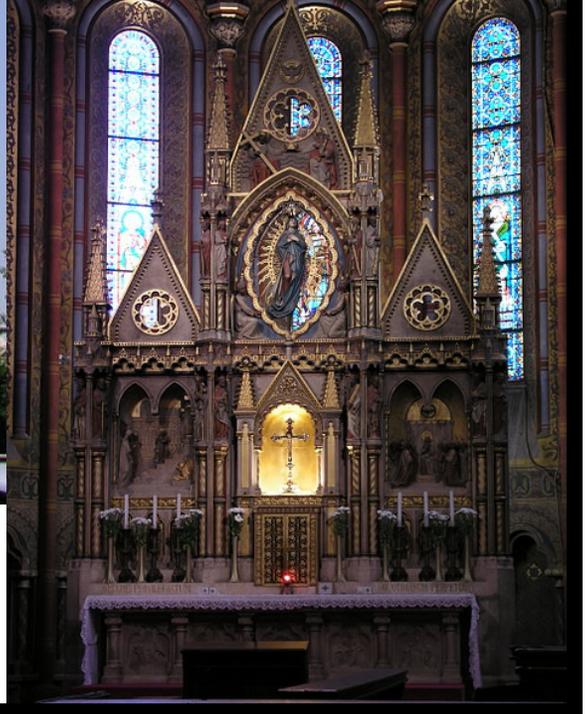
Sisi Bridge or so called Chain Bridge in Budapest



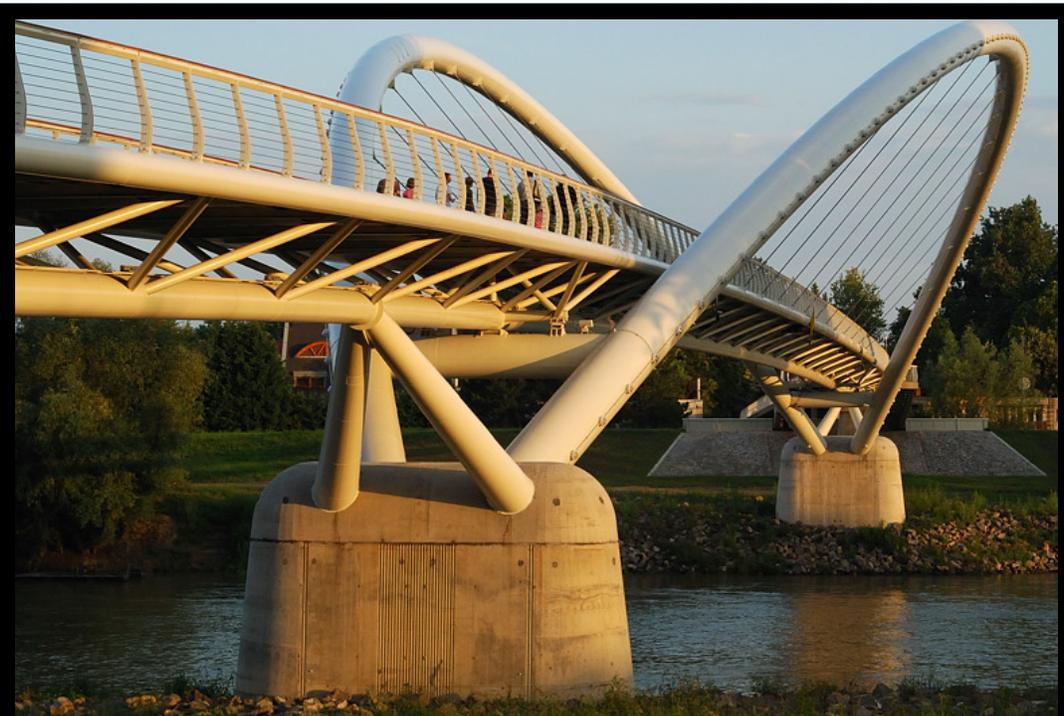
A view of downtown Budapest.



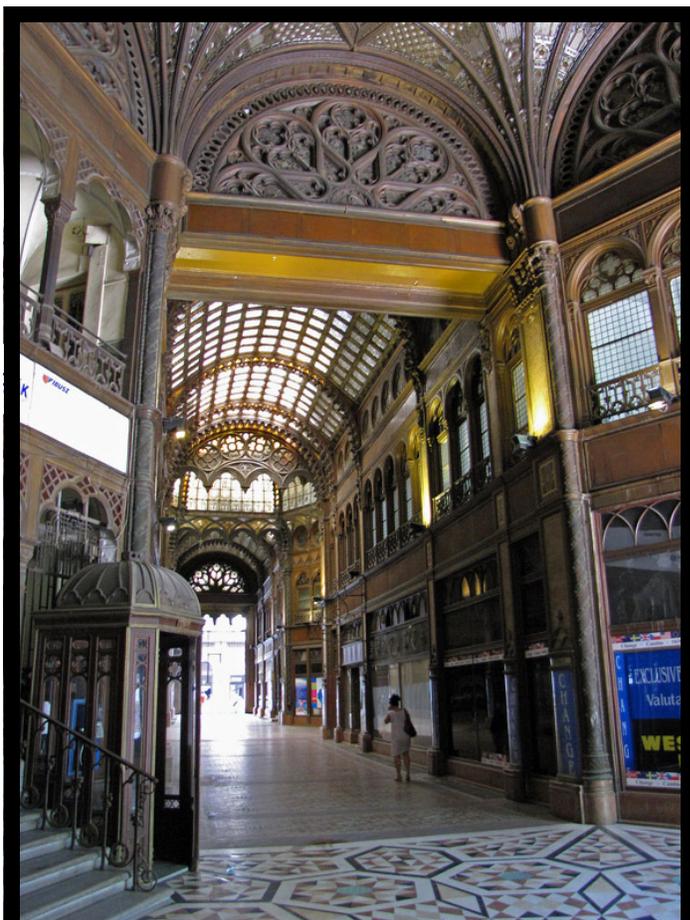
The statue of Stephen I, saint and king, in the Fisherman's Bastion terrace on the Buda side of Budapest.



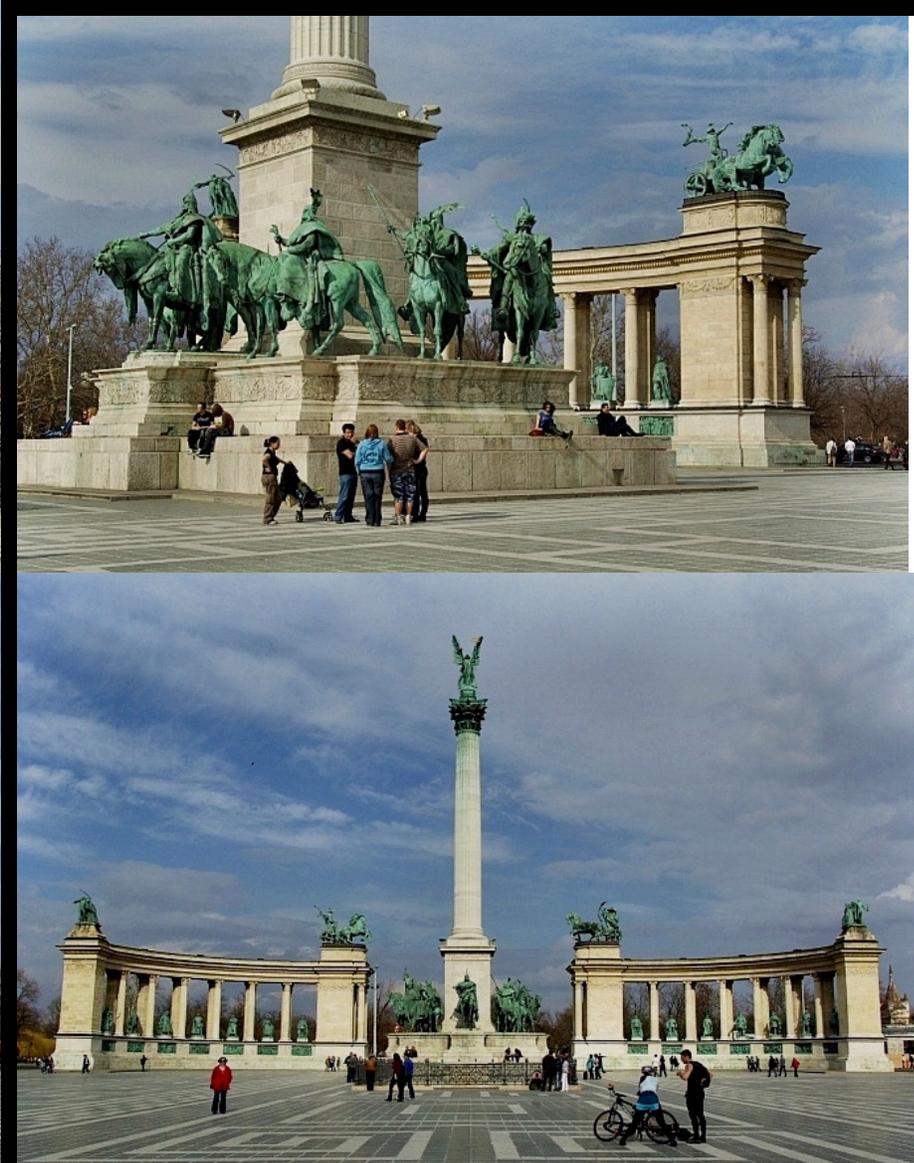
Matthias Church
It is located in Budapest and
named after King Matthias.



The Mayfly Bridge in Szolnok is the longest footbridge in Hungary. It was opened in January 2011.



100-year-old shopping mall in Budapest



The Millennium Monument in Budapest

This monument is a semicircular construction with 14 statues of kings (seven on the left and seven on the right) between the pillars. In the middle are the seven chieftains who were the leaders of seven tribes of the Hungarians at 895 A.D.



Esztergom Basilica is Hungary's largest church and the 18th biggest church in the world. Construction began in 1832 and was completed in 1869.



This is a view of the Danube River that splits Buda and Pest (which together are Budapest), as seen from Buda. The Parliament Building is visible in the distance.

Below is a closer view of the Parliament Building.





**The faces
of people
living in
Hungary**

LCMS began assisting the Lutheran Church in Hungary in 1994 when three long-term missionaries served there in Lutheran high schools.

Two GEO missionaries currently carry out ministry in high schools as English teachers and relationship builders.

They get to know students and their families and then share their Christian faith.

The Hungarian Evangelical Lutheran Church reports to have about 300 congregations and 300,000 members.

**Population - almost 10 million
Area - slightly smaller than Indiana
Religion - 52% Catholic, Calvinist 16%,
Lutheran 3%, others**



Sarah Berta-Somogyi serving the Lord in Gyor, Hungary

- ◆ Teaches English to junior and high school students;
- ◆ leads a weekly Bible study;
- ◆ helps to coordinate summer camps which are led by short-term mission teams;
- ◆ seeks to proclaim the Gospel through her words and actions - building relationships and serving the needs of the people that she is blessed to know.

Sarah served in Hungary on short-term mission teams in 2004 and 2006. She has a BA in English from Concordia, Irvine.



Prayers for:

- ◆ *patience as she learns the language and culture;*
- ◆ *wisdom and boldness in proclaiming the Gospel;*
- ◆ *her students and co-workers - that their hearts might open to Christ's message.*

Median age - 40.2 years
Life expectancy - 74.8 years
Telephones - over 3 million
Mobile phones - almost 12 million



Melissa Karges serving the Lord in Sopron, Hungary

- ◆ Teaches conversational English full-time to high school students;
- ◆ builds relationships with them in and outside of the classroom;
- ◆ shares the Gospel with her students.

Melissa has a BS in behavioral science and an AA in missiology from Concordia, Irvine. She also served on two short-term mission trips to Hungary during her studies at Irvine.



Prayers for:

- ◆ *“obstacles to the Gospel be removed from her students’ lives”;*
- ◆ *the Hungarian church and its youth to be built up in faith;*
- ◆ *wisdom, strength and growth in her personal relationship with Christ.*