MANCHESTER, UK (ANS) – A radical “celebration of faith, hope and life” came to a grand finale Sunday as Festival: Manchester drew a crowd of 30,000+ to enjoy Christian music, extreme sports and family fun in the city’s famed Heaton Park. The event brought to a successful close one of the largest Christian events ever staged in the UK. (Pictured: Sunny skies warmed the thousands attending Festival: Manchester's massive skate park and main stage).

This festival showed the city and the region that followers of Jesus are joyful and selfless,” said Palau. “The dedicated service of the volunteers...the cooperation of the churches and local agencies...the lives that were eternally changed...it all came together this week under God in Manchester.” (Pictured: Luis Palau shares the “good news” at Festival: Manchester).

Manchester will leave a lasting mark on the city, from the over 1,500 new believers who made decisions for Christ during the week to the massive skate park, built by volunteers with donated materials, which will soon be permanently installed at a Manchester recreation facility.

“The full impact of the festival will only be known in heaven,” said Message Director Andy Hawthorne. “We’ve dreamt of a church community that’s not only for the like-minded, but one that gets involved with broken communities that desperately need Jesus. At Festival: Manchester that dream started to become a reality.”

Over 1500 recorded decisions for Christ were made in the streets and in the park during the festival.

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