

## Chicago's Treasures

The week of March twelfth through March the eighteenth was the week of our spring break, during which I was in Chicago. Because of this, I did not do much work on my original work. I did, however, see a lot of cool buildings in Chicago. One of the buildings that I saw was the Aqua Tower designed by a leading female architect and built in 2010. The building was designed to mimic the hills and valleys of a surrounding landscape with pools of water (windows) in the valleys.

Another building that I got to see up close was the building that currently houses Good News Bible Church. The building was built in 1910 when there was country surrounding the area in which the church stands. One of the amazing things about this church is that a lot of the interior woodwork and stained glass windows are the originals, or at least very closely mimic the originals. The neighbourhood around the church is also still a lot of the original construction from the 1920's and 1930's, which was amazing to me.

I love to see both famous buildings and buildings with a lot of history in person because I feel as though I have seen up close a great influencer of humanity. Architects have the ability to both literally and metaphorically shape the future. We can shape both the skylines of cities, and the hearts and minds of the people who encounter our works each and every day.