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I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, and I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, as a *light to the nations*... Isaiah 42:6

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Psalm 34:1-4 NKJV

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad.

3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.

Those who have been following the Light to the Nations newsletter may notice that the theme of the teaching portion of our letters has been basically the same for the past few months. This is intentional, because we still see a lot of Christians who seem to be, at the least, discouraged, or even depressed and fearful. What kind of witness is a depressed Christian? This may sound harsh, but the Bible is either true, or it is not. I choose to believe the Bible is true. It is the inspired Word of God speaking to whoever has ears to hear.

I can understand how easy it is to become upset and angry about what has been happening worldwide if your focus is on the world and national news. It doesn't matter whether you watch conservative or liberal newscasts, both can stir up those feelings of fear and discouragement. Christians need to stop magnifying the reports of the media and get back to magnifying the Lord. This is why I chose the scripture above, but there are many, many others with basically the same message. Focus on Him, focus on His Word, let His Word be in your mouth, be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God is with you!

Yes, there are evil things happening, but our response should not be the same as those without God. People need to see you and I stand up fearlessly, no matter what evil is going on around us, and bless and magnify the Lord at all times and know that He delivers us from all our fears.

There is progress on the church building in Szakcs, Hungary, but people have to work, so there is still a lot to do. Much of the demo has been done, and we are still believing for \$7000 (US) for insulation, paint, electrical and plumbing work. We will add a kitchen, chairs, as a house is turned into a church. Your prayer and financial support are greatly appreciated.

Some Székelyhíd, Romania LTTN Bible school students, led by Csaba Boszormenyi, have begun evangelizing in the village of Şimian, about 35 kilometers (22 miles) from Székelyhíd. They have had great success and we believe another Light to the Nations church is springing up there. They have to take private Taxis to get there, and could really use some help with transportation expenses. Their success is evident, as they are planning to baptize several new believers soon.

Speaking of baptisms, there are also plans for baptizing new believers in Ózd and Szakcs, Hungary as well as Şimian, Romania. Also, Pastor Istvan Sule in Ózd is preparing to perform his first wedding, and Pastor Gabor Bognar will also be performing his first wedding in Szakcs as he helps Zoli and Gina Mursa get started there. The churches in Hungary and Romania are growing!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support for Light to the Nations Ministries. You are as much a part of this ministry as we are, and you are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your obedience to the leading of the Lord concerning Light to the Nations. You are a great blessing to many people.

Love and blessings,

Dan & Marta Lewis



More news from Szakcs, Hungary. **Above left**, demo is well underway in the building that will become a Light to the Nations church. **Above center**: One family in the Szakcs church has been blessed with over 40 (count 'em) baby ducks after hearing how God's desire is to bless His children. Even with construction going on and having regular jobs, Zoli and Gina Mursa saw the need for getting a children's ministry started. The picture **above right** and the three pictures **below (left to right)**, show some of the games (including races), Bible lessons, and food at a recent Saturday children's ministry in Szakcs.



Left: Here, LTTN Bible school students, led by Csaba Boszormenyi, are shown evangelizing in the Romanian village of Șimian, about 35 kilometers (22 miles) from Székelyhid. **Right**: Pastor Istvan Sule prays for healing for a man (Oliver) in Ózd, Hungary. We visited Oliver, his wife and 7 kids over a year ago, when Oliver asked Jesus into his life. However, since then, he became discouraged and was speaking out against Pastor Istvan and the church. Doctors recently discovered a tumor on his kidney, which has caused him to re-evaluate his life. Recently, he asked Pastor Istvan to pray for him and has also asked to be baptized. Not only that, Pastor Istvan will perform his first wedding with Oliver and his wife!



25 years of Light to the Nations: **Below left**: Those who have been with us for Summer trips to Hungary and Romania will have seen this sight many times. June and July is the height of "stork season". **Below center**: One of the more memorable events we were part of in Sighisoara was the weddings of four Roma couples who were convicted by the Word that they should get married! One of the couples had been together for over 20 years, but all of them knew they needed to "make it right" before God. **Below right**: A shot of our rear-view mirror as we drove away from Székelyhid. This is always hard, as we realize the conditions that these people face every day. Thank God, the Word is changing lives there!

