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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 91:5-7, 9, 10 NKJV

5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, 6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.

9 Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, 10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling...

We have made a conscious decision concerning the Covid-19 virus NOT to spend much time watching news reports covering its progress. It is easy to get “hooked” watching all the negative news of this demonic thing that has stopped so much normal activity worldwide. A real danger is that some might accept those reports as truth, and resign themselves to the notion they must accept a “new normal”. Yes, stay informed, but the only truth worth embracing is the truth of the Word of God.

We believe something more dangerous and harmful than Covid-19 has taken over the lives of many people, and that is fear! The Bible cautions us over and over, “*do not be afraid... fear not...*” Getting closer to God and His Word should be the new normal for every child of God.

Speaking of the Word of God, we are so thankful for those who have provided funds for purchasing Hungarian Bibles for the churches in Hungary and Romania. One family in particular (I don’t have permission to mention their name) has made it a point to give monthly for Bibles. I bring this up now, because people are coming to the Lord in Hungary and Romania like never before, and we need more Bibles. Even during “lockdown” we can order Bibles and have them delivered. This costs a bit more, but is still less than airfare. Any gift for Bibles should be sent to the address above with the notation “Bibles”. Thank you!

The roof on the Székelyhíd, Romania church has needed repair because of recent storms. The Székelyhíd church

was able to provide half of the amount needed through members tithes and offerings, and we would like to provide the rest. This is something we feel must be done while good weather is with them, so we are asking for your help in getting the work done. Our portion of the cost is \$1,000 (US). Your gift in any amount is greatly appreciated.

There is exciting news from Szakcs, Hungary! The group there is growing, and so is the need for a place to meet. Light to the Nations has been able to purchase a house on a large piece of land in Szakcs. The plan is to remodel the existing house for use as a living quarters and add a church building to it. Zoli and Gina Mursa, who lead the fellowship group in Szakcs have been working on demolition of some old homes in the area and have a lot of the brick, roofing and other construction material for the project. A new septic tank is already in place (see picture on back) but electricity (lights and all wiring), plumbing, windows and doors, heating and restrooms are still needed. Much of the work can be done by Zoli and Gina and church members, but they will require certified electricians and plumbers for some of the work. Again, any gift you can provide will be of great help.

While there are some who can return to work, most of our Roma friends in Romania can only find work in Hungary, and can only cross the border with proper paperwork and must stay quarantined for 14 days after arriving in the country. So at this point, still no work and no income. Thanks to our partners, we have been able to help provide gifts of food in both Hungary and Romania, and weekly bread for the church members in Romania.

We still don’t know how long people will not be able to work, but we may need to send more finances to help. Any gift you can provide will be a great help.

Thank you to everyone who supports Light to the Nations with your prayers and financial support. You are a blessing to many people.

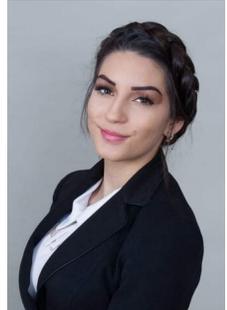
Love and blessings, *Dan & Marta Lewis*



Above left: Men from the fellowship group in Szakcs, Hungary work on putting in a new septic tank for the church building there. The wall of unpainted brick in the background will separate the church from the living quarters that will be included on the property. **Center:** A father in Szakcs shows his son his new Bible provided by partners of Light to the Nations. A Bible is the greatest blessing you can give to someone who has just accepted Jesus as their Savior. **Above right:** Here is a small group in Székelyhíd, Romania taking advantage of good weather to watch some Light to the Nations Bible school lessons outdoors. **Below left:** Another group in Székelyhíd is watching Bible school lessons inside. We thank God every day for the technology that allows us to reach so many people so far away, especially when we can't travel there personally. **Below right:** Speaking of technology, every Friday we spend an hour (or more) with these kids from the church in Botpalad, Hungary. They are learning English using English and Hungarian Bibles. They will soon be translators in their own right!



More graduations: These two young ladies from the church in Botpalad are both moving on to the next level in life. **Left,** Dóra Mercz has just finished a three year training program to become a baker, and will be working in a local bakery. **At right,** Nikoletta Ármós graduated from high school and will be moving and working in Budapest. Congratulations!



25 years of Light to the Nations Ministries: **Below left:** Our second year of the Light to the Nations elementary school for Roma kids in Székelyhíd, Romania was a bit overcrowded. From a first year enrollment of 21 students, the second year had over 50! The teachers did an amazing job of moving students from station to station so everyone could receive instruction. In this picture, kids are modeling new hats and gloves sent for Christmas by Light to the Nations partners. **Below center:** Loading up the local "delivery van" to deliver Christmas packages near Sighisoara, Romania. **Below right:** We have stayed in a lot of different places in 25 years of ministry. This hotel in Sighisoara had some very special towels. 😊

