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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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Wise Men Still Seek Him!

Isaiah 9:6 NKJV

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

The scripture above is one I have used quite often for our December newsletters. Isaiah's prophecy concerning the coming Messiah is amazing and worth spending time meditating on. Many people (including me) have often wondered about the part that declares "the government will be upon His shoulders". Because the governments of the world seem to be in complete chaos, it doesn't seem that the government could be very firmly upon His shoulders, so I started digging a little into this scripture.

I found out that the word "government" does not capture the real meaning of what the Scripture is saying. Young's Literal translation of this verse uses the phrase "Princely Power" in place of government. I also found out that "government" could be translated, "Dominion". I like that!

When I think of dominion, I think of a royal supremacy, authority and power. It changes things when instead of the traditional picture of "government" I think of the dominion and princely power that is on the shoulders of Jesus. His shoulders are shoulders that bear burdens. His shoulders picked up a cross and carried it on our behalf. 1 Peter 5:7 says you can "cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" and Psalm 55:22 invites us to "Cast our burdens on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved".

Verse 7 of Isaiah 9 says that *of His government (dominion) there will be no end*. He is more than enough. He has abundant dominion for your every need. Whatever may be happening in your life right now, Jesus has shoulders that can handle it.

As we reflect on the passing another year (how did that happen so quickly?) we are overwhelmed at the goodness

of God and the faithfulness of our partners. It is amazing to us that some of the things that have taken place this year were actually set in motion years in advance. The Light to the Nations Bible school is one example.

More than a year before Covid 19 was in anyone's thinking, the Lord impressed upon us an urgency to redo and update the video Bible school. It turns out that since we have been unable to travel personally to Hungary and Romania, the Bible school has filled what would otherwise have been a huge void in teaching our people in Eastern Europe. The people can see and hear anointed teachers and are able to grow spiritually in their knowledge and understanding of the Word of God.

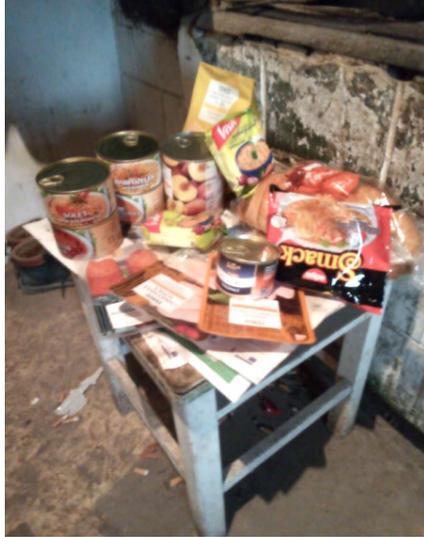
Another area that technology has been such a blessing is our weekly teaching on Skype. This too, is something that God helped us get in place long before Covid. Years before churches were using "live stream" or facebook or youtube, we had the technology in place and people were already skilled at connecting and receiving the teaching thanks to our partners who help financially to provide internet connections for the people in Hungary and Romania.

Besides all that, we are in daily contact via telephone with church leaders and others who need to know they are valuable to us and to God, and can connect with us whenever they need to.

Thank you partners, for your faithfulness in prayer and financial support. Our prayer is that because of your generous gifts, there is an abundance of the fruit that abounds to your account (Phil 4:15). May His abundant dominion fill your every need.

.CHRISTmas blessings and Happy New Year!

Dan & Marta Lewis



We have written in previous newsletters about Laci Svigli (Laci Bacs) in Szakcs, Hungary. Laci has had some health issues lately and was not even able to get out of his home. As you can see in the picture **above left**, Laci's living conditions are quite primitive, and he was without food and had no firewood for cooking or heating. We were thrilled at how the people in the Szakcs church rallied to help Laci. With help from Light to the Nations, and help from the church members, Laci received enough food (**above center**) and firewood to help him make it through the next few weeks. What made this even more special is knowing that very few Romas in Szakcs have a job to produce income at all. Cold weather is here for them, so any gift toward firewood for Laci and others will be greatly appreciated. Also, our annual gift of food will be a tremendous help to all of the Roma families in Hungary and Romania (see announcement below). **Above right:** People in Ózd, Hungary are watching the Light to the Nations Bible school. The video Bible school has been such a great tool since we have been unable to travel to Hungary and Romania.

I would like share something about Marta's sister Magdi who lives in Budapest, Hungary. Magdi lives in an apartment building and for years has been ministering to some of her upstairs neighbors every chance she gets. One of those neighbors, also named Magdi (Magdi is short for Magdalene) recently had a birthday. When "our" Magdi gives someone a birthday card, she always includes a reference to a proverb or a psalm that corresponds to the year being celebrated. For example, if someone is turning 60 she will write Psalm 60 on the card. Well, neighbor Magdi was celebrating birthday number 86, so Magdi wrote "Psalm 86" on the card. When neighbor Magdi received the card, she couldn't read it, because her Bible didn't have Psalms, so Magdi let her read it from her Bible.

After she read it, neighbor Magdi said she had never read such beautiful poetry and was sad that her Bible didn't have any of the beautiful verses (and life lessons) found in Psalms and Proverbs.

When we heard about this, we felt that we should help provide a better Bible, so we arranged for Magdi to purchase a good Bible from a Christian bookstore and present it to neighbor Magdi. She was absolutely thrilled and amazed that someone would do something like that for her. A few days after receiving her new Bible she told "our" Magdi, "At 86, no man can help me—only God."

Please join us in prayer for salvation for Magdi Sárjai, 86 years old who now has a complete Bible. Also thank you to the partners who have been faithfully providing finances for Bibles for Light to the Nations Ministries. Your gift is changing lives!



Here is Magdi Sárjai, the upstairs neighbor of Marta's sister Magdi with her new Bible and a note saying it is from Dan & Marta (Light to the Nations) & Magdi. Oh, and since her favorite color is blue, Magdi found a Bible with a blue cover. 😊

ROMA CHRISTMAS!

It's time once again for Light to the Nations Christmas gift packages of food for Roma families in Romania and Hungary. If you'd like to help, you can send a gift to the address on the front of this newsletter. We will purchase bread, flour, sugar, rice, macaroni, cooking oil, chicken, fruit and special Christmas candy for the kids. We would like to provide packages for as many families as possible (Roma families are typically quite large). Your gift will be a great help to many Roma families. Please pray about helping make Christmas special for these families.

Thank you!