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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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Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)

Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Parenting today presents challenges that we (Dan & Marta) didn't have to deal with during our years of child raising. Sure, there have always been challenges to raising Godly kids in an ungodly world, but it seems the enemy has become much bolder about his agenda than ever before. Today we are surrounded by a sexually confused, entitled, morally corrupt, Godless culture that is being pushed from elementary school through university.

There have always been parents who believe it is best to be neutral about many things, especially spiritual things, and let the children decide for themselves as they grow. In my opinion, this is a great mistake. The fact that Proverbs says "*train them in the way they should go*" indicates they won't go that way unless they are trained. The public school system seems to be more than willing to train children in a way that, in our opinion, leads them down a road of spiritual disaster.

The Bible says, (Romans 10:17) "*Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.*" It is a fact that anything we hear enough times, even if it is wrong, will eventually seem right. If children are not being taught about God at home, you can be assured that great effort will be made to teach things outside of the home will not lead to a godly life. In short, Christian parents should consistently focus on exposing their children to the goodness of Jesus so they willingly follow after Him.

The purpose of this newsletter is not to lecture people on how to raise their children. Most who read our newsletters are well grounded in the Word and know that even though child rearing is a challenge, God has given us everything we need to overcome the onslaught of the enemy.

What has stirred our thinking on this subject is an alarming pattern we have witnessed in some churches in Central and Eastern Europe. Many churches, especially those in

Roma communities, do not give any consideration to teaching children. We can only think that having a ministry for children in church seems to be a "burden" no one wants to deal with. Since there is no program for children, some parents just choose to stay home from church until the children are old enough to not cause problems. Others bring the children, and are constantly up and down, in and out, not wanting the children to be a distraction, but causing a greater distraction and chaotic disturbance.

What can be done? For years we have taught and pleaded to raise up people with a heart to teach children Biblical principles. Some have tried, but none have been able to stay with it for long. Teaching children is not something you can do without a calling and a lot of preparation. We believe attitudes are changing!

In our last newsletter, we wrote briefly about Csaba Boszormenyi. We have watched Csaba grow up in the Light to the Nations church in Székelyhíd, Romania. Csaba has been mentioned in many of our newsletters, from being part of the children's group that was active at that time, travelling with us on mission trips to other parts of Romania, and just a few years ago, being miraculously healed of a brain tumor. Csaba grew up, got married and he and his wife Rózsika are expecting their fifth child. Csaba has seen both sides of children's ministry - as a child and as a teacher/parent and has a heart to teach children while they are still children.

Summer is a time when adults in Roma communities who are able to work are gone from their families for extended periods. So, with kids who are home all week with basically nothing to do, Csaba and his team gather in local children every week, meeting outdoors when possible and meeting in Csaba's home when it's too hot to be outside. We would also like to be able to provide Csaba and the other Light to the Nations churches some VBS type resources to help keep kids engaged and learning. "Artsy, crafty" things, crayons, pencils, balls and games are some of the things we would like to help with. Also, we believe a snack or meal should be part of the day. Of course, the



All of the pictures on this page are of kids getting together in Székelyhíd, Romania with Csaba Boszormenyi, and his team who have been gathering kids weekly for Bible lessons, food, games and prayer time. We thought it was so special that parents were invited to see what the kids were doing, and children prayed for their parents (Bottom two pictures). Right now, it is hot in Székelyhíd (those who have been there will testify that Székelyhíd is very hot in summer and very cold in winter). When possible, they can meet outside for games and other activities, but it is cooler inside Csaba's home which gets pretty crowded with the number of kids who are showing up each week. We would like to provide all of the Light to the Nations churches, (Székelyhíd, Romania, Botpalad, Ózd and Szakcs, Hungary) with some VBS type material to help keep kids engaged and learning. Crafts, crayons, pencils, balls and games are some of the things we would like to provide. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.



main focus will be Bible lessons. Any help you provide will be greatly appreciated.

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

Love and blessings,

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Ministry news!!!

We are announcing a new phase of ministry for Light to the Nations. In addition to our ministry to Roma churches in Hungary and Romania, we have been asked to take the position of Pastors of the River Valley Christian Church in Grandy, Minnesota. When asked, I was surprised to hear myself say "Yes, we'll do it". Our call there is to train a permanent pastor for the Grandy church. We will return to Florida periodically to maintain Florida residency. We believe this is of God, and we appreciate your prayers that we will hear the voice of God clearly in this call.