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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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Ephesians 6:10-11 (NKJV)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

We are continuing our weekly Skype teaching for the churches in Hungary and Romania. There are many whose eyes are being opened concerning Satan and his demonic forces. They are beginning to see that not only is the Holy Spirit in them **much** greater than the enemy that is in the world (1 John 4:4) but God has given us valuable weapons which enable us to stand against the enemy!

What are we to stand against? The **wiles** of the devil. What are **wiles**? Tricks, craftiness, mind games, subtle, deceptive reasoning or argument. Wiles are what we are specifically told to stand against and not to give place to.

Satan and the evil spirits that follow him are masters at convincing humans of things that are not true. And they are not obvious about their work. They always come in the back way - from an angle you don't expect. They quote partial truths... their goal is to convince you that a lie is true. And if you begin to believe the lie is true, you will be blinded to the truth, and even begin to defend the lie.

But God has given us His armor and He is telling us to put it all on! The Apostle Paul had an up close and personal view of a Roman soldier's armor, and saw the connection between the armor of the soldier and the spiritual armor God has provided.

It's important as we read about the armor in Ephesians 6 that we not just focus on the armor, but on what the armor represents. We are not putting on a literal belt - we gird ourselves with truth, which represents the **written word of God**. Interesting that Paul should list the belt first. This was the piece of weaponry that held all of the other pieces together. Truth is protection. Without truth, none of the other pieces of armor will be effective. Truth (the written word of God) is what everything else is connected to.

Our righteousness (breastplate), our **peace** - even the shoes which the Bible calls shoes of peace had straps of leather which ran all the way up the leg and attached to the loinbelt. Even our peace comes from our connection to the Word of God. **Faith** (shield), **salvation** (helmet), **revealed word of God** (sword of the Spirit) all depend on the **written Word of God** (belt of truth) being in place so they can be instantly activated and effectively used in battle.

Are you dressed in the whole armor of God?

Warmer weather is finally peeking through in Central and Eastern Europe. This is good news for many of our Roma friends in Hungary and Romania, as work opportunities for many is only available during warm (hot) weather. Winter months are challenging because not only are people faced with cold, wet weather (those of you who have been with us there in winter know how miserable conditions can be in a place like Székelyhíd, Romania) but with no work, there is no income which means no money to buy food. We are very thankful that so many of our partners have helped provide finances to provide food for Roma families through the winter months. Thank you!

We are still in need of at least 30 folding/stacking chairs for the church in Semjen. The chairs we would like to purchase are about \$25 each. Your help with this is very much appreciated.

Your support of Light to the Nations Ministries is never taken for granted. Your prayers and financial support make it possible to provide Bibles, other books, internet availability, equipment to receive teaching and even food that helps people survive through harsh winters. All of this of course, is to help people grow in understanding and practical application of the Word of God. Your part in this ministry is very much appreciated. Thank you!

Love, blessings and Happy Mother's Day!

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Thanks to our partners, food gifts have been provided through the winter months for Roma families in Hungary and Romania. **Above left & center:** People in Szakcs, Hungary display food gifts and Charles Capps booklets (God's Creative Power for Healing) they recently received. **Above right:** The look on this lady's face receiving food in Semjen, Romania is priceless.

Below left: People from the church in Botpalad, Hungary show food packages they recently received. **Below center & right:** Members of the church group in Semjen, Romania show some of the gifts of food provided by Light to the Nations partners. Thank you, partners!



Below left & center: People gather in Székelyhíd (left) and Semjen, Romania to watch and take notes during one of our recent teaching sessions. Marta teaches on Mondays and Dan teaches on Wednesdays. **Below right:** Not everyone can watch our teaching on a TV screen or even a laptop. Here, a group is watching on someone's phone. Thank you!

