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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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**1 Corinthians 9:24, 27 (NKJV)**

**24** Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.

**27** But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

**Watching a conference** on TV recently, one speaker was challenging people to think about how we will finish our race. What will your finish look like? How should you finish your race? What we do every day determines what kind of finish we will have. Pay attention to what you do every day with the end of your race in mind. In other words, live you life, or run your race with your purpose in mind. As in sports, this requires discipline and order.

**We can't live** our life out of order and have the results that God plans for us. Part of order - part of running your race to win is preparing for what's ahead. We must take time to prepare every day for what is ahead, or we won't qualify for where we are headed. Lack of preparation for what is ahead will disqualify us. Not sin, not missing God, but not being prepared takes us out of position to finish properly.

**No one should** just be trying to get to the end of a day without preparation for where we are going. You can't just let life happen, you have to **make** life happen. In other words, design your life. Too many people just "float through life". A simpler way to put this is pay attention to where you're headed. Or, as I once heard a teacher say: "*wherever you are, be all there.*"

**What am I doing** today about where I am headed? Some don't see the value of preparation because it's not the jackpot – not the gold medal. But there is no medal and no jackpot without preparation! Olympic athletes practice and prepare for years for a performance that lasts a few minutes or even a few seconds. Many people are so focused on where they want to end up, they don't pay attention to where they are right now. It's so easy to fall into dealing

with the things that come up today instead of designing our lives with our God-given purpose in mind.

**Am I doing** something daily that will help me arrive at God's best? Are you prepared to go where God wants to take you? No matter where we are right now in the plan of God, God always wants to take us further. But before He can do that, we must be prepared to go further.

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**Great news from** our friends in Hungary and Romania. In Recently in Ózd, Hungary, Pastor István Sule sensed in his spirit an urgency to go to a part of town where they hadn't ministered before. An urgency that said, "*Go now!*" So, István and his wife Szilvia left immediately, not really knowing what to expect, just being obedient to the Spirit. What they found was a group of people who had never been to church or had any "religious" training at all. Before the day was over, five people had been born again and water baptized! But wait, there's more: Later on, they met with other family members and some of the children were born again, and all were filled with the Holy Spirit!

**Meanwhile in Szákes,** Hungary four others were baptized the same day as those in Ózd by Pastor Zoltan Bujdos, a friend of ours from the church in Tengelic, Hungary. Thank you for your prayers for these new believers. It is very encouraging to witness the growth of these churches.

**In Székelyhíd,** Romania, Csaba Boszormenyi has also been experiencing growth, and has upward of 40 children coming to his home for Bible lessons, games and a good meal. Any gift you might like to donate towards this project will be greatly appreciated.

**Thank you for** your prayers and financial support for Light to the Nations Ministries. Your partnership in this ministry is very much appreciated. Thank you!

Love and blessings,

*Dan & Marta Lewis*

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**Above left:** Not only do the children in Székelyhíd, Romania receive Bible lessons, play games and have a good meal, Csaba Boszormenyi also sees that they are learning basic skills to help them in school . **Above center and right:** At the Light to the Nations church in Ózd, Hungary, five people were water baptized by Pastor István Sule. They also received new Bibles, took the Lord's Supper. Glory to God!

**Below left:** Four others were baptized in Szakcs, by Pastor Zoltan (Zoli) Bujdos, a friend of ours from the church in Tengelic, Hungary.

**Below center and right:** After the baptism in Ózd, people received communion, more received Jesus, and many were filled with the Holy Spirit!



## Special Request

As we have written in past newsletters, an addition to the home of Csaba Boszormenyi in Székelyhíd, Romania is being built for the purpose of ministering to children in Székelyhíd. The floor has been poured and the walls are up, but we need to get a roof on before winter. There is also a need to put in plumbing, doors, windows, insulation and heat, but the most pressing thing is the roof. As is the case worldwide, construction costs have increased dramatically since covid was introduced to the world, so the cost of the roof is now \$2,000 USD (about 8500 Romanian Lei). Any gift you might like to donate towards this project will be greatly appreciated.