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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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*John 12:24 NKJV*

*Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.*

We are focusing on the theme of “overflow” for the year 2017. As we have stated in previous newsletters, the overflow that we believe God desires for us, has to do with “more than just enough, more than is necessary, and going beyond expected boundaries or limitations”. This month as we celebrate Easter, I can think of no better example of overflow than the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. In the verse from the gospel of John above, Jesus was starting to prepare His disciples for his coming physical departure. Planting seeds and reaping a harvest is all about overflow, as the seed returns multiple times the actual seed sown. Thus, Jesus was giving an indication of what was to come, and the harvest of souls that would still be overflowing 2000 years later.

After the resurrection and before His ascension, Jesus left the following instructions we know as “The great commission”:

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19, 20)*

We can continue the overflow that Jesus began, by continuing to make disciples and to teach the things Jesus taught. Yes, it requires dying to self and perhaps moving out of ones comfort zone, but the overflow of the harvest makes anything we might try to do in our own strength seem as nothing in comparison.

Soon after you receive this newsletter, we will be visiting Hungary and Romania again. Once we are in Budapest, we will be meeting up with Pastors Richard and Dana Womble of Living Word Fellowship in Laredo, Texas. The Wombles have been with us before in Hungary and Romania, but it has been 16 years since they have been back. We are looking forward to a great time of ministry and fellowship with them in both Uszka, Hungary and Székelyhíd, Romania.

## He is Risen!!!

Soon after the Wombles leave, Pastor Thomas Lohnke arrives from Switzerland. He will go with us to Uszka, where we will be having evening meetings, evangelize, and also do some video recording for the Bible school. We hope to do some recording with the Wombles while they are with us as well.

We are very excited about what the Lord is doing in all of the Light to the Nations churches in Hungary and Romania. The Székelyhíd, Romania church is developing a strong vision for ministry to youth and children. Every Saturday, the youth of Székelyhíd are in charge of the children who meet each week. Bible lessons, puppets, dance, skits, crafts and games are all part of an exciting Saturday for the children. At the end of their time together, the youth serve the children lunch (with the help of some of the moms in the kitchen).

The church in Uszka, Hungary has taken the great commission very seriously. There are now five churches/home groups in nearby villages, and there are others (a little further away - even in Ukraine) who also want to receive the teaching the churches connected to the Uszka church are receiving. Pastors Jenő and Erzsébet Orgován, who oversee the Uszka church are working tirelessly to try to meet the needs of the groups of believers springing up in this area of Eastern Hungary. We are working to train up others who can relieve Pastors Jenő and Erzsébet of some of the load they are carrying at this time.

An urgent need at this time is a vehicle that will be able to make ministry travel a bit easier and more efficient. Pastor Jenő is driving a 20+ year old car that can uncomfortably seat 5. Then of course, there are instruments that need to be brought along also. The vehicle still runs, but with the condition of the roads (those who have been there will understand) and the number of times people have to be “shuttled” back and forth, we believe it is time to upgrade to something newer and larger. We would like to provide them with a 9 passenger van, and we (Dan & Marta) have committed to giving what we can to this project. A good vehicle is not cheap in Hungary, and we will still need at



**Above left**, some of the children who meet every Saturday at the Székelyhíd, Romania Light to the Nations church are shown here showing off some of the "artsy/craft-y" headwear they made recently. **Above center**, besides time for crafts and Bible lessons, the children also get to enjoy lunch.

**Above right**, The weather is finally warm enough to play outside. Here are some of the kids working hard at a Tug of War contest. Doing most of the teaching, serving and refereeing are the young people from the youth group, under Pastor Karczi Hendre's supervision.



The picture **above left** shows a packed house for a recent service at the Uszka, Hungary Light to the Nations church. Pastors Jenő and Erzsébet Orgován, along with several other members from the Uszka church have done an amazing job reaching out to other communities and establishing churches and home groups in several other villages. **Above center** shows a lesson being given to children in Kispalad, one of the villages the team from Uszka helped establish. **Above right**, another group of children meeting outdoors on a nice day in Kispalád.

The three photos (left to right, then down) show: Prayer at the church in Botpalad, a home group meeting in Kölcsé, and a recent leadership meeting in Uszka, Hungary, with leaders from all five churches in the area. With five churches in the area, and others who want to be part of Light to the Nations, Pastor Jenő and his team are ministering every day in different towns. The time and travel required can be quite a challenge, and this is one reason we would like to help Pastor Jenő get a better vehicle for the ministry.



least \$6,000 (US) added to what we are giving in order to purchase a vehicle that will meet the needs of the ministry in Eastern Hungary. We have even considered shipping a van from the states, but parts and maintenance for a US vehicle make that idea unacceptable. If any of you can donate part of the cost or perhaps a Sunday school or church group may want to participate, a gift of any amount will be greatly appreciated. We believe this is excellent soil in which to sow seed into the Kingdom.

**Thank you** to all of our partners who so faithfully support Light to the Nations Ministries. We believe that Light to the Nations is good soil, and your sowing will be multiplied back to you many times over. Your prayers and financial support for Light to the Nations Ministries are very much appreciated. Our partners are such an important part of this ministry. Thank you!

Love and blessings,

He is risen indeed!!!

Dan & Martha Lewis