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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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Mark 11:25-26 NKJV

"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Here we are, on the "downhill" side of 2016, which we believe to be a year of harvest for those who wish to appropriate it. We would like to point out a major area that can hinder and even block ones harvest: Unforgiveness is a poison that can cause great harm. It can be especially difficult to forgive when you have been treated unfairly, lied to, lied about, cheated you and you feel that you are absolutely justified not to forgive someone. And if the person who has wronged you claims to be a Christian, the anger and frustration causing you to hold a grudge is multiplied and can leave a deep wound that is difficult to heal.

The problem is that the one most hurt by unforgiveness is the one who is not willing to forgive and believes they are right to deny forgiveness to someone. Some of the dangers of not forgiving can be that a person might bring their anger and bitterness into other relationships. We have seen people get so focused on being wronged, they are unable to function in a normal way in even the most ordinary circumstances. Withholding forgiveness also causes a halting of spiritual growth, and as we mentioned earlier, harvest, including healing can be greatly hindered or even stopped.

While forgiveness may be difficult, with the help of the Holy Spirit it can be done, and needs to be done so that one can reach their full potential both naturally and spiritually speaking. By calling on the help of the Holy Spirit and being grounded in the Word of God, a person who has been wronged can begin to see the value of forgiveness and how important it is in their life. One of the things that has helped me personally in recent years is to realize that the person who caused the hurt probably didn't know better. If they had known better, they wouldn't have done something to cause such hurt.

It's a choice. Even though it may seem difficult at first, it is important to choose to forgive the person who offended you. You must stop thinking of yourself as the victim. By forgiving you can break the power and control the offending person has had over you. Most people who have stubbornly refused to forgive don't even realize the control they, themselves allow the other person to have. It should also be noted, that while a person might stew and cling to that grudge for years, the other person may not even be aware of it in the slightest. Still feel like holding back forgiveness? Meditate on Mark 11:26 for a while.

Shortly after our last newsletter went out, we tried to contact as many people as possible to alert them to an urgent situation in the town of Uszka, Hungary. Hailstones the size of tennis balls pounded the area, destroying crops and doing great damage to the property of many people. The homes of 14 families of the Light to the Nations church have roofs that need to be replaced. While the home of Pastors Jenő and Erzsike Orgován received only three small areas of damage from the hail, homes next to them had major damage. We also want to let you know that the church building itself, escaped damage completely! We are thrilled at the response of our partners to this emergency. The cost of repairs for all 14 homes was estimated at around \$11,000 and so far we have received \$7,900 from our partners! We are sending the money in several smaller amounts, as they can only do so much at a time, and would prefer to receive it as needed. Anyone who would still like to help can do so by sending you gift to the address at the top of this newsletter, and designating it as "**Help for Uszka**". Thank you partners, for your generous help!

The church leaders in Uszka have always been active in reaching out to other villages in the area. Some of those villages already have a church, but because of the teaching they receive from Pastors Jenő and Erzsike as well as the Light to the Nations Bible school, some have asked to be considered as "satellite" churches of Light to the Nations. Two of these churches are in the villages of Botpalád and Kispalád. The church in Botpalád, led by Pastor Gábor Bognár has until recently been renting a meeting place



Top row, right to left, you can see the children of the Light to the Nations church in Székelyhid, Romania as they enjoy getting together with the youth of the church who not only play games and teach Bible lessons every Saturday, but also help teach reading and writing skills. In the **second row**, the **left photo** shows the Székelyhid youth who have been helping with the children and attending their own youth meetings each week. The **center** picture shows Gábor Bognár (red shorts) who is pastor of a Light to the Nations church in the village of Botpalád, working with a crew from neighboring village Kispalád led by pastor Lukács Miklós (at left). They are working together to build a church in Botpalád since the building they have been renting is no longer available. Both churches have submitted to the leadership of Pastor Jenő Orgován and the Light to the Nations church in Uszka. The picture at **right** shows Martin Mursa from Uszka with his newly reconditioned saxophone given to him by Pastor Aaron Derksen of West Coast Word Church in Tarpon Springs, Florida, in return for a promise to return to school this year. Now, all he needs is money for transportation to school. \$100 per month and he can start 9th grade.

which is no longer available. Pastor Gábor has given a large portion of his own land on which they are building a church. The same storm that did so much damage in Uszka, also hit these other places, causing the people to lose income they were counting on from the cucumber harvest. It should be noted that they have not asked us for anything but prayer, and by faith are moving forward to build a church building. The church in Kispalád currently meets in a garage, and are helping with construction of the Botpalád church, doing so as “seed” for the building they will need some day. So far, the Botpalád church has received offerings from their own members and done everything with no outside financial help. We would like to ask you to join us in lifting up their building project in prayer. The cost of the building will be about \$15,000. If you would like to help financially, a gift of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

finishes 8th grade, going further takes more than strong commitment, because there is no educational facility nearby and transportation is expensive.

Thank you for your prayers and support of Light to the Nations Ministries. It is your participation in this ministry that enables us to minister to people in so many ways. We are in awe of how God speaks to your heart concerning the needs of this ministry and you respond so generously both in finances and more importantly, in prayer. Thank you!

Love and blessings, *Dan & Marta Lewis*

We'd like you to meet our newest grandbaby, Gianna Hope Lewis. Her parents are Jason and Niko Lewis of Colorado Springs, CO.



We also want to thank those who are helping provide school transportation for Lajos Hamza as he prepares to enter 12th grade in a specialty or trade school. Even when a young person from Székelyhid, Romania works hard and