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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 14:33

For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

As we continue to investigate our theme of peace for this year, we have learned, among other things, that Biblical peace can be a decision maker and it is to be sought after and pursued. This is important for a believer to understand, because peace is an excellent indicator as to whether someone is being led by the Holy Spirit, or led by emotions or desires of the flesh. People are led by all kinds of things that are not Biblical, rather than looking inside to the witness and leading of the Holy Spirit. God is not confused, nor is He the author of confusion. God can't give you something He doesn't have. In the same way, the enemy can't give you something He doesn't have. Satan has no peace, so peace will not be coming from him, but he is an expert in trying to bombard us with confusion and unrest. So, if we are ever faced with confusion, we can be sure of its origin and avoid it by seeking the author of peace.

Summer can be a very busy time for the Romas of Central and Eastern Europe. Many leave their homes for most of the Summer in hopes of finding work on a construction crew, or most likely doing backbreaking work in the fields and orchards of Hungary and Romania under the hot Summer sun. For many families, this is the only income they will receive for the whole year. Some have learned to "budget" in order to make it last, but many spend it as soon as they get it, and have little to show for their work when they come home. We appreciate your prayers for all those that have left to find work, and especially that as they submit their lives to Jesus, doors will open for ways to support their families without having to leave their homes, and in many cases leaving the country.

As we mentioned last month, we are getting ready for a conference in Székelyhíd, Romania in September. We have found that if we don't book rooms as far in advance as possible, and plan meeting schedules and other logistical details well ahead of time (remembering that flexibility is important in ministry) things can come apart quickly, so, we're on it!

We are so thankful for all the help you gave for the conference we held in Uszka, Hungary last April, to extend an invitation for you to be part of this conference as well. The theme for this trip will be "Revival!" We have invited special guests Pastors Richard and Dana Womble from Living Word Fellowship in

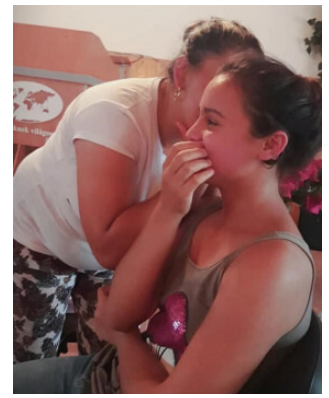
Laredo, Texas along with David and Mary Adams, members of their church, and Pastors Thomas and Monika Lohnke from Familiengemeinde Langenthal (Family church of Langenthal) Switzerland. Also joining us will be Pastor Levi Szandai, who works with Pastor Rufus Whynot in Cluj, Romania.

For the Conference in Romania we would also like to provide a nice gift bag for those who attend. Some items (T shirts, pens, wristbands and stickers we will take from here, but Bibles, other books, notepads, etc. we will need to purchase in Budapest after we arrive. Meals and lodging will be two of the biggest expenses, as we will have visitors from Hungary joining us for the conference, and we want to take care of their needs, as we did for those Romanians who were able to come to Hungary last April for the conference there.

Part of the plan for this trip is to give diplomas to those who have finished the course of study for the year. This year, for the first time, there will be students who have finished three years of Light to the Nations Bible school! We will be having a graduation ceremony during the regular Sunday service in Székelyhíd, and the following Sunday will do the same in Uszka. We will also be promoting and "kicking off" a new Bible school year. We had great response when we asked for help providing Hungarian Bibles in April, but we need more and would like to give a Bible and another Christian book to Bible school students in both Romania and Hungary.

We have been in contact with Krisztus Szeretete Egyház (Love of Christ Church) in Budapest, which is where we purchase Bibles and other books, and we can purchase the Bibles and books we would like to give out for \$1000 US. If you, your church or Sunday school class would like to help, any size gift will be appreciated.

Since we gave Bibles to so many people when we were there last, it has been so great to see people using them as we teach on Skype. As you may know, we teach via Skype every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Hungary, Romania and Ukraine. It has also been helpful when we give a scripture reference as we teach, to be able to tell them, "For those of you with the red Bibles, this is found on page..." This has been a great aid, as many are seeing their first Bible and have no idea yet how to navigate their way around. So, any financial help you might be able to give towards this conference or Bibles and books will be greatly appreciated.



Above left and Center: More pictures of the children's ministry in the Székelyhid, Romania Light to the Nations Church. While the youth of the church oversee the children's ministry, they do have their own youth meetings (**above right**) with Bible lessons, games (like the game of telephone pictured here). And of course, no youth group gathering (**below left**) would be complete without PIZZA! . **Below center and right:** for several months, Light to the Nations has been helping a church group in Berehove, Ukraine provide a weekly meal for the children. As you can see, they also get Bible lessons (can you see the boy in the rafters of the house in the upper right of the picture?) They also get an opportunity to work on their artistic talent. These little ones live in some of the most terrible poverty you can imagine. Thank you for your prayers.



The two pictures above, were taken at a recent outreach by the church in Uszka, Hungary, led by Pastors Jenő and Erzsike Orgován as they ministered in the nearby town of Tiszabecs. Besides sharing the Word, the Light to the Nations church dance team performed (**left photo**), and in the **right photo**, some of the adults learned that what kids made look easy, wasn't so easy after all!

Our deepest thanks to everyone who supports this ministry. You are a very important part of this ministry and any harvest is your harvest. Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated.

Love, Blessings and Peace!

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Please pray for:
Revival Conference
 Székelyhid, Romania

Light to the Nations Bible school graduation
 Székelyhid, Romania September 23
 Uszka, Hungary, September 30