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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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Wise men Still Seek Him

Isaiah 9:6 KJV

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

In choosing a “Christmas-y” scripture for the December newsletter, it seems obvious that much of the world is in turmoil and not experiencing the promise of peace on earth and goodwill toward men. But the good news for those of us who have asked Jesus into our hearts to be the Lord of our lives, it is possible to experience the peace of God even in what seems to be an upside-down world. The Hebrew word for peace used in this passage, is the word “shalom”. Shalom is more than peace and carries a much deeper meaning of “*Nothing missing, nothing broken - the peace that comes from being made whole.*”

As we prepare for the ending of one year and entering into a new one, we believe it is possible to experience an **overflow** of shalom in the coming year - nothing missing, nothing broken, peace that comes from being made whole. It is only the Prince of Peace who can give us the kind of peace that can overcome all of the chaos of the world. Not only is it possible to experience peace, we believe it is one of the most important things a believer can do in the face of world events at this time. Peace is not necessarily the absence of war, but without knowing Him, there is no peace.

Recently we reconnected with some old friends from Szolnok, Hungary. Pastor Pisti and Moni Földi from Living Word Church in Szolnok, recently took a team from their church to Székelyhíd, Romania to minister to the Light to the Nations church there. We were happy for them to go, and it also gave us an opportunity to have them deliver the new video Bible school we have been working on. The team was a great blessing to the Székelyhíd church and to us.

During the visit of the team from Living Word Szolnok, the children in the Székelyhíd church received a small gift from the Szolnok church. We want to send a big thank you to the Szolnok team. A week later, the kids had a surprise visit from Mikulás (Hungarian Santa). The Székelyhíd kids actually received an overflow from Mikulás (who was one of the youth group members in costume) as Light to the Nations provided more gifts. Mikulás doesn't come on Christmas eve, he comes

earlier, so it is much easier to separate him from the real reason Christmas is celebrated. All the kids were so happy!

It has been exciting to see the relationship grow with the group of believers meeting in Berehove, Ukraine. Kalman Sandor leads a not so small group that meets in his home. These precious people live in some of the worst poverty we have seen (and we have seen plenty) and they will be included in receiving this year's food packages. We have not yet been able to get the video Bible school to them, but we did give them the old audio version and they are growing rapidly. At Kalman's request, we have also begun teaching Wednesdays via the internet. At 9 AM each Wednesday (Florida time), we teach a live lesson for the people in Ukraine, and then at noon our time, we teach the Székelyhíd church. The earlier time for Ukraine is because the streets are very muddy and they would like to be able to walk home in daylight so they can see where they are stepping.

We also want to let everyone know that there is still time to help with the purchase of gifts of food for the families in the churches in Romania, Hungary and this year, Ukraine. Please see the message at the bottom of the next page. Your gift is very much appreciated.

Winter is an extremely difficult time for the Romas. All the field work has ended and there are very few, if any jobs available. As we have done for the last few years, we would like to provide bread once each week for the families in Székelyhíd. This has literally been a life saver for many families, and we appreciate so much the way you have responded to their need. Please designate this separate gift as “Bread” and we will get bread to the people throughout Winter.

We are so thankful for the way our partners have responded over the years to the needs of the Roma people, especially at this time of year. Even though we know we are entering the busiest time of year for many people, we believe that those who sow into the lives of our friends in Hungary, Romania and Ukraine will receive a very fruitful harvest. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Love, blessings & shalom,

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Above left: The team from Szolnok, Hungary and some of the kids holding their gifts from the Szolnok church. **Above right:** Kids in Székelyhíd, Romania hold up their gifts from Mikulás (Santa) when he recently made a surprise visit to the kids at the church there.



Above left: Members of the Székelyhíd, church youth group help children make their own Advent calendars. For some time now, the Székelyhíd youth has been ministering to the children of the church. They also help with serving a meal to the kids at the end of meeting time every Saturday. **Above center and right:** On Wednesdays we teach the mid-week church service in Székelyhíd on Skype from wherever we might be. The center picture shows what they see in Székelyhíd and the right picture shows what we see as we teach. The hand at left is Pastor Karcsi praying over the offering.



Above left: Members of the Székelyhíd youth group also received gifts from Mikulás. **Above right:** The newest addition to Light to the Nations is in the town of Berehove, Ukraine. Here is some of the group meeting in the home of Kalman Sandor (standing), where they also receive live teaching from us via internet.

Roma Christmas!

It's time once again for Light to the Nations Christmas gift packages of food for Roma families in Hungary, Romania and Ukraine. If you'd like to help, please send your gift to the address on the front of this newsletter. We will purchase flour, sugar, rice, macaroni, cooking oil, chicken and also include some special Christmas candy for the kids. We would like to provide packages for as many families as possible. Your gift will mean so much to many needy Roma families. Please pray about helping make this Christmas a special time for these precious people.

Thank you!