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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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In this newsletter, we would like to continue to update you concerning our recent trip to Hungary, Serbia and Romania. We are excited about the growth and maturity of our friends in Central and Eastern Europe. We also want to emphasize the importance of your participation with Light to the Nations Ministries because without your prayers and financial support our efforts would be extremely limited.

In early December our first stop was in Budapest where we stayed with Marta's sister, Magdi. We were able to spend a couple of days visiting friends there and were especially happy to spend some time with Esther and her family. As most of our readers already know, Esther is the Mongolian girl who lived with us in Budapest for over 9 years and is now married and has a son, Norbi Jr. who is 2½ years old.

On our first Sunday in Hungary we were guests at Solymar Christian Church just outside of Budapest. With us on the entire trip were Pastors Dan & Claudia Denissen from River Valley Christian Church, St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin. Following the morning service, we went with Pastor Csaba Bodo to the town of Oroszi. A few years ago, while we were living in Hungary, we ministered in this town. After finishing the Light to the Nations Bible school, Pastor Csaba felt called to continue to work in this gypsy church. We had a wonderful time and it reminded us of the early days of our ministry to the gypsies in Romania - hard "plowing" but very satisfying.

After another day of ministry in Budapest, we travelled to Subotica, Serbia where we spent the day with Damir Site who has recently finished law school with the help of Light to the Nations. The last four years have been rough for Damir, but he is now able to see the "light at the end of the tunnel". He has some job offers, but needs wisdom to choose the right path. Please pray for wisdom for Damir as he makes decisions concerning his future, including what he should do with the English language school he has been running to help make ends meet.

From Serbia, we drove to Bekes, Hungary where we met with Gianni Petnehazy and were able to minister in the church where he is a leader. God's healing power was evident as one lady who was 97% blind was healed! Gianni helped us

produce our second music CD of Gypsy worship. The most recent one features Edit Dombi, the daughter of Székelyhíd church leaders Imi and Erzsike Dombi. There is an amazing anointing on this CD that most people would enjoy even if they don't understand the words. If you would like a copy of this CD, just drop us a note with your financial gift and we will send you one along with the English translation of the lyrics.



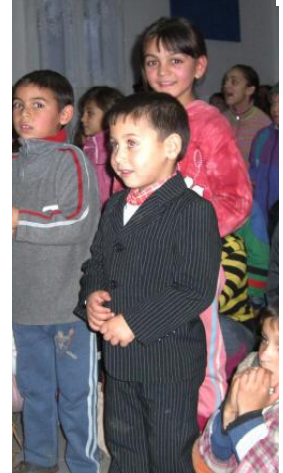
Gianni & Gabi Petnehazy
with Dan & Marta.

Our next stop on this whirlwind tour was Székelyhíd, Romania. In Székelyhíd we held a three day conference with special sessions for children, youth and adults. We are in awe of the work Gabi Nagy and Eva Kore are doing with the children and youth of Székelyhíd. They and others from the Solymar church in Hungary make several visits each month to teach and strengthen the people there. You should have seen the intense competition and excitement during some "Sword drills" where teams were organized and competed to see which team would be first to find each scripture.



Some of the Székelyhíd youth perform a skit about spiritual armor.

It is always a special treat for us to visit Sighisoara and the Szekeres family. Marton and Aniko have four daughters of their own and have taken on the responsibility of raising five gypsy orphan boys. On our visit last May, two of the Szekeres girls and two of the boys were injured when the borrowed van we were in was hit broadside by a 46 ton tanker truck. Both Marton and I (Dan) had broken ribs and Marta had some very serious bruises and internal injuries. The most serious injuries were to Ady, who had such severe head and neck injuries that the doctors told us that he was probably not going to live, and Annamaria who suffered a broken femur (thigh bone) and some deep facial cuts. In all, five of the children were hospitalized, but they were all released within two weeks. By



Top row left: During our visit to Sighisoara, Annamaria Szekeres was elated to be able to take part in a snowball fight, as were her older sister Kinga (top row, **center**, on the ground "reloading") and Klara Knapp (standing over Kinga). Shortly after these pictures were taken, Annamaria was unable to attend school and could only get around in a wheelchair. The rod in her leg was just recently removed. Please pray for Annamaria. **At right:** Pastor Dan Denissen and Dan are shown loading some of the supplies that went into the gifts of food for the gypsies living near Sighisoara.

Bottom row left: Doru and Viola let us use their home to keep the food that was later delivered to the gypsies. Because of the snow, we were unable to drive up the hill to get close enough to the gypsy village to deliver the food, but Doru lives about a kilometer away. The packages were put together and delivered later using a horse drawn wagon. The smiling guy in the rear of this picture is Marton Szekeres. **Center:** Gabi Nagy, who helps oversee the youth and children of the Székelyhid church, put together these Christmas decorations for every one of the youth. **Right:** This little guy was all dressed up and so excited when we were in Székelyhid just before Christmas. The youth and children of Székelyhid are showing amazing growth under the leadership of Eva Kore and Gabi Nagy.

mid summer, none of the children showed any signs of ever having been in an accident. All except for Annamaria. Doctors placed a metal rod in Annamarias' leg and it never seemed to "fit right". For several weeks she was in a cast that extended from her leg clear to her chest, then a walking cast, and finally crutches. She learned to get around very well, but was always in pain. When we were there just before Christmas, she was walking by herself and had a great time playing in the snow, but we learned that shortly after we left, she was in a great deal of pain and couldn't even attend school.

Finally, after several postponements, the rod has been removed! It was discovered that the rod had "shifted" - no wonder Annamaria was in such pain. Even though the bones are not yet totally knit back together, the doctor is confident that her leg will completely heal, and we are in agreement with that! Generally speaking, the doctors in Romania are well

trained and quite competent, but are extremely limited by the medical equipment available to them. I have challenged Annamaria to a race the next time we are there, so please pray for both of us - for complete healing in her leg, and that I would get in shape to be able to run (what was I thinking?).

Your prayers and financial contributions impact the lives of many people. Thank you!

Love and blessings,

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