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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

## February, 2018

### Phil 4:7-8 (NKJ)

*...and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things.*

**At a basketball** clinic years ago, a former professional player named George Lehmann made an impression on everyone who attended. During his presentation he let fly at least 200 shots and missed only twice (one was demonstrating bad technique). But what really caught my attention was a question he asked several of the kids in attendance: “*What’s the secret to success?*” no one had the answer he was looking for, which was: “*You become what you think about!*”

**Whether this man** knew it or not, he was teaching a Biblical principle from Proverbs 23:7 - *as a man thinks in his heart, so is he*. This is just one of the reasons why this scripture from Philippians is just as important (or more so) today as it was the day it was written. People often say that they can’t help what they think about, but for a born-again believer that should not be the case. One principle we learned years ago in studying the importance of words, is that you cannot defeat bad thoughts by simply thinking good thoughts. You defeat those negative destructive thoughts with words - words that agree with what the Bible says about who you are and what you can do. When you hear yourself speaking things that are just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous and praiseworthy, then those thoughts can replace years of harmful self defeat. Then we can truly enjoy that peace that passes understanding.

**We are in awe** of the things that are taking place in the Light to the Nations churches in Hungary, Romania and Ukraine. Baptisms, people accepting Jesus as their savior, people returning to the Lord with a hunger for the Word, and buildings too small to hold the people who are coming. We are teaching live weekly on Skype to two churches and will soon be adding a third. The Wednesday church service in Székelyhíd, Romania is recorded in MP3 format and E-mailed to Hungarian speaking people in several countries. Besides all that, our video Bible school is growing also. We still have a few more topics to get

into video format, and within a couple more months we will have three complete years of the Light to the Nations Bible school. The theme for 2017 was overflow, and it’s still overflowing!

**One thing we** want to make sure we do while it’s still early in the new year, is to recognize and thank everyone who supports this ministry financially and in prayer. We are keenly aware that there are people who work at various jobs, or in the military or even retired, who sacrifice part of their income to partner with Light to the Nations. We firmly believe that those who support a ministry are just as important to the success that ministry has, as those who are “delivering the message”. Without our partners it would be a real challenge to deliver the message. When it comes to sowing into a ministry, it’s just as important who it comes through as who gets it. We want you to know you are important to this ministry and the harvest we see is your harvest. WE also partner with other ministries, as the Lord leads, and there is something about Kingdom partnership that brings breakthrough and overflow! Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated.

Love, Blessings and Peace!

*Dan & Marta Lewis*

### Looking ahead:

Light to the Nations will be hosting a conference April 19-22 in Uszka, Hungary. Besides Dan & Marta, guest ministers will be evangelist Vern Norton from River Valley Christian Church in Minnesota, and Pastor Thomas Lohnke from Family Church in Langenthal, Switzerland. We are inviting leaders from all of the Light to the Nations churches in Hungary, Romania and Ukraine and would like to provide meals, housing and transportation for all those who will be coming from outside the Uszka area. We are expecting to bring in as many as 40 people from Romania, Ukraine and outside the Uszka area.

The cost for the conference will be approximately \$150 (US) per person which will include transportation, lodging, and two meals each day for 3 days. Meals will be provided for everyone who attends, including those from the local area. Also, please pray for people from Ukraine who would like to attend, but some are applying for passports, which can be a lengthy process.

Please pray about helping us treat these brothers and sisters to a special time of teaching and fellowship. Financial gifts for this conference should be sent to the address on this newsletter and designated, “*conference*”.



**Above left:** Every Saturday, children from the Székelyhid, Romania church gather together for a time of Bible lessons, skits, puppets and other activities led by the youth of the church. **Center:** The look on the face of this little girl is priceless as she receives a yogurt snack during the Saturday Children’s gathering. The picture at **Right** didn’t make it into last month’s newsletter, showing children participating in the Christmas program, as Dan and Marta look on via Skype.



All of the photos above are of the group that meets in Pastor Kalman Sandor’s home in Berehove, Ukraine. The left photo shows some of the folks who receive bread weekly thanks to the partners of Light to the Nations. We want to continue providing bread for the church in Ukraine as well as in Székelyhid through the cold Winter months. The next photo (left to right) shows Pastor Kalman preaching in a Sunday service. The last two photos show church members on the floor watching us teach from our home. As you can see, space is limited - only about 6 feet of space from wall to wall. The church is growing and a larger meeting place will be needed soon. We appreciate your prayers.



**Above left:** Students meet in a home in Ózd, Hungary to watch a Bible school lesson. **Center:** the lesson they are watching is a video of Pastor Mark McCord with Marta translating as Pastor Mark teaches “The Call of God”. We are in the process of redoing all the lessons in video format. This video is one of few remaining from our Budapest school 20 years ago. **Right:** Pastors Erzsike and Jenő Orgován pray for people during a recent church service in Uszka, Hungary.

## **We still need Bibles!**

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our request to provide Hungarian Bibles in Hungary, Romania and Ukraine. Bibles are needed not only for the churches in these areas, but we would like to make sure every Bible school student has a Bible in their hand. Bible schools are located in Uszka and Ózd, Hungary and Székelyhid, Romania. The nearest place Bibles can be purchased is in Budapest, which is several hundred kilometers away. A Bible costs about \$13-\$15 US. If you, your Sunday school class, or home Bible fellowship would like to buy one or more Bibles for Hungary, Romania or Ukraine we will purchase and deliver them when we are there in April.

If you’d like to help, please send your gift, designated “Bibles” to the address on the front of this newsletter.

**Thank you!**