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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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Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)

Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

In preparing pictures for this newsletter, it was hard to decide which ones to use. There are so many good photos of the youth and children, especially in Székelyhíd, Romania. While I try not to give more “ink” to any one group, these kids are just amazing! The youth group has taken the responsibility of teaching the children and are doing a wonderful job. The little ones are truly being trained up in the way they should go. We are so encouraged by what we see in Székelyhíd, because this is “breaking the mold” that has held so many Roma people in bondage for many generations.

A special thank you to everyone who has given financial gifts to provide bread for Roma families through the winter. Needy families in Romania and also in Ózd, Hungary have begun receiving weekly supplies of bread. In fact, our friends in Ózd have been able to include margarine and milk in the weekly supply to the needy folks in the church there. This is a literal life saver for many of these dear people. Thank you partners!

The group that meets in Ózd faces a unique problem in transportation. Several of the people who come to the church in Ózd are from the Roma village of Bánszállás, several kilometers outside of Ózd. Bánszállás has a reputation of a dangerous place to be. The people who live there are very poor, and public transportation is beyond their means at this time. There is a bus that only runs twice daily (and not at night) and taxis will not go there at all. It costs the equivalent of \$2 (US) per person for round trip bus fare. We would like to help by providing bus fare for those who want to participate in the church and Bible school in Ózd. This means they need to travel twice each week for church service and for Bible school. If you would like to help with bus fare for the church in Ózd, any gift will be greatly appreciated.

The church in Székelyhíd is also in need of some help. The roof over the church needs to be completely replaced. In an effort to save money, the church was being built near the end of 2012, used roofing material was used. While that seemed to be the right move at the time, it is now the source of a major problem in the building, because there are numerous leaks in the old roofing material. For years the problem went unnoticed, but gradually the wooden decking under the corrugated roof became

rotted and porous and water has begun leaking into the main sanctuary. The church members have tried to repair the roof, but it is now dangerous to be on the roof because of the rotting decking, and water damage has been taking its toll on the inner walls (see photos on reverse side of this newsletter).

We would like to replace the roof as soon as possible, and the total cost will be around \$2000 (US). If you, your church, Sunday school or home group would like to help, you can send a gift designated “Roof” to the above address. The people of the Light to the Nations church in Székelyhíd will be very thankful for any help you may give.

While it’s still fairly early in the new year, we would like to recognize and thank everyone who supports this ministry in prayer and with finances. Those who support Light to the Nations are just as important to the success of this ministry as those who do the travelling and teaching. We want you to know you are important to this ministry and any harvest is your harvest. Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated.

Love and blessings,

Dan & Marta Lewis

Looking ahead:

In March we will be in Hungary and Romania. Joining Dan & Marta, will be Pastor Thomas Lohnke from Family Church in Langenthal, Switzerland and Pastor Levi Szandai from Cluj Napoca, Romania. We will be having teaching sessions with small groups of church leaders and also meeting with Bible school students. We will be spending several days in Székelyhíd, Romania where, besides the small group meetings we will be holding a “mini revival”. More on that next month, but our first meeting will be on Friday, March 8 and we are having a special time together especially for married couples. There will be teaching, but there will also be a special dinner along with some fun games and activities. For this event we would like to give away prizes to as many people as possible. What kind of prizes? As we talked this over with Pastor Karcsi Hendre, we found out that highly desirable prizes would be things like irons, pots and pans and other kitchen/household gadgets that almost no one in the Székelyhíd Roma village has.

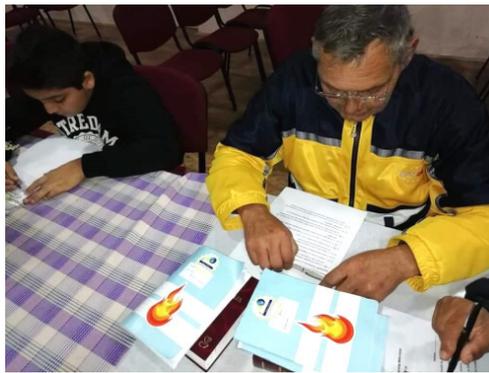
Please pray about helping us provide a special time of teaching and fellowship. Financial gifts for this should be sent to the address on this newsletter and designated, “Roma Revival”.



Above left: Some of the Székelyhíd, Romania church members are shown here holding up bread they received recently, thanks to our partners. Each family receives bread weekly through the cold Winter. **Above right:** Every Saturday, children from the Székelyhíd church gather together for a time of Bible lessons, skits, puppets and other activities led by the youth of the church. The Saturday gathering ends with a hot meal. 60 or more kids gather each week.



The youth of the Székelyhíd church take ministry to the children very seriously. Besides Bible lessons, skits and stories, the children are learning valuable reading and writing skills. The pictures **above** show some of the kids working on colors, shapes and letters. The young man in the far right picture is Attila Korom. Attila not only helps with all the other activities, but since he is learning English, he is sharing what he is learning in his lessons with the children.



Above left: Children from the Uszka, Hungary church. The Light to the Nations Bible schools are in full swing, and with that comes test time. Here, students young and old take a test in Botpalad (**center**) and Kölcse (**right**).



Here are some pictures of the roof that needs replacing on the Székelyhíd church. The lighter colored sections are where Sandor Horvath (**center photo**) has patched some of the leaks. Complicating the problem is that the decking underneath the corrugated sheets has rotted, making it unsafe to work.