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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 3:16 NKJV

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

In May, we were honored to be invited by Pastor Thomas Lohnke from Familiengemeinde Langenthal (Family church of Langenthal) Switzerland, to speak at a conference his church was hosting. The theme of the conference was "Glory to Glory" from 2 Cor 3:18. As we prepared, we saw some things that we believe are very important for the age we are living in, and in the next few newsletters, we would like to share a bit of what we found.

In both the Old and New Testaments, the glory of God was often manifested in a very spectacular way - sometimes as a cloud, fire, light - things that got everyone's attention. Most people, when thinking of the glory of God, think of these kinds of spectacular manifestations, but there is so much more.

What I would like to point out in this newsletter is that when Moses oversaw the construction of the tabernacle, he had received exact instructions from the Lord as how God wanted it built. Then, in Exodus chapter 40 Moses saw that every item of construction was done "*as the Lord had commanded Moses*". Every time the Lord gave Moses instructions, Moses did just what the Lord told him. Then, verse 33 tells us that Moses finished the work, and verse 34 tells us that **then** (after they had done what God had told them) the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And in verse 35, Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

The tabernacle was a temporary structure, and the temple in Jerusalem was permanent but when we examine its construction we see a very similar pattern (2 Chronicles chapter 5) the result being that "the house of the Lord was filled with a cloud so that the priests couldn't even stand up to minister because of the cloud! When they finished the work, and did what God told them to do, the glory of God filled the house of God.

This brings us to the scripture we used at the beginning of this newsletter, **1 Cor 3:16** ...*Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*

Does this have anything to do with us today? We can't just focus on the part where the cloud of glory comes, we have to follow His instructions! Today, the TRUE temple of God is made up of believers like you and me, all over the world. We are His house, and should reflect His glory!

As you may know, we just returned from Hungary, Romania and Switzerland. May and June are probably my (Dan's) favorite time to be in Central Europe. We were there at the peak of poppy season, and also the peak of stork season. Those of you who have been there with us at that time of year will know what it's like. Unfortunately, it was also the peak of Mosquito season in some of the places we ministered. In Kölcse, Hungary for example, the mosquitoes were so thick, I gave new meaning to the term "Bible thumper".

Our first stop in Hungary was Bánszállás. In past newsletters we have shown pictures of the room we meet there, and as a place for learning about the kingdom of God, it left a lot to be desired, but we determined to do something about that. We had been meeting in an abandoned housing development which, at one time, must have been very nice, but to say it had fallen into disrepair would be an understatement. After sundown, it was almost impossible to read from our Bibles, because the room was lit by one 25 watt bulb, and the room was in need of a good scrubbing, fresh paint and filling major holes in the floor. And chairs - we needed chairs. While we were there we were able to purchase all the materials needed to dress up the meeting place, and after we left, the people of the church went to work and did a wonderful job of transforming a dark, uninviting place into a very nice room to meet. Thank you partners for helping us get this done!

As we did in Székelyhíd, Romania last April, we had a special gathering in each church that focused on relationships and had fun with our version of the Newlywed game. We provided a nice meal, and gave



The pictures **above** (left to right) show the progression of the clean up and repair of the room where the Light to the Nations church meets in Bányzállás, Hungary, near the Southern border of Slovakia. Primer, then paint, and putting up a real light fixture and new chairs made the room unrecognizable from its former appearance. The people of Bányzállás, led by Pastor Istvan and Sylvia Sule did an amazing job cleaning, repairing and making a very nice place to have a church meeting as well as Light to the Nations Bible school. Thank you partners for making this possible. We are also thankful there were no injuries, even though safety precautions were not a high priority, as you can see.



The special couple's night/newlywed game was such a hit in Székelyhíd, Romania last April, we did it again in Bányzállás, Kölcse and Botpalád, Hungary. The pictures **above left and center** show some of the fun and prize winners in Botpalád, while the picture **above right** shows the meal that was provided by Light to the Nations in Kölcse. This was more than just a fun night, as some who are not yet Christians were exposed to a short gospel message and saw that Christians can actually have fun!

some very nice prizes (everyone got something) and had a hilarious time with the newlywed game. It was all done in an atmosphere of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Past Summers have found us in Hungary and or Romania focusing on children and youth. This year, in order to keep promises we have made over the years, we have two young people staying with us here in Florida. Cousins Karoly Gertner and Cintia Bognar have demonstrated a level of English high enough that we could invite them to spend two months here in Florida to build their English skills. Karoly is the son of Karoly and Andrea Gertner. Karoly (Sr.) is the worship leader in the Botpalád church. Cintia is the daughter of Pastor Gábor and Mariann Bognar.

Thank you to all those who support 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.



Above: Accompanying us back to Tampa all the way from Botpalád, Hungary were these two teenagers. Karoly Gertner (left) is the son of Karoly and Andrea Gertner. Karoly (Sr.) is the worship leader in the Botpalád church. Cintia Bognar (right) is the daughter of Pastor Gábor and Marianne Bognar. They will be with us until mid August. Their main goal while here is to increase their English language skills (and survive a Florida Summer).

Love and Blessings,

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