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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.

One of the major points of emphasis in this ministry has always been for the children and youth of the Roma villages we minister in. In the US and most of Europe, Mother's day was observed in May, and in June a day honoring fathers is designated in many countries. It is an awesome responsibility to raise children in the knowledge of God, and it is sad that there are so many children who are without one or even both parents to train them in spiritual things. There are also too many "modern" parents who do not teach their children about God and His word, but think that when the child gets old enough, he will make his own decisions. The truth is, that the behavior parents model is the behavior that children will follow. Training for life, whether in Biblical areas or common things such as manners and public behavior can't begin too early.

Several years ago, we began challenging kids in Hungary and Romania to learn English. The ability to speak another language can open doors of opportunity that would otherwise be unavailable, especially for Roma kids. We have even promised kids that if their English skills reached a high enough level, we would help them come for a visit to the U.S. This of course requires a serious commitment to learn English.

Over the years we have provided Rosetta Stone computer programs, books, and Summer Vacation Bible Schools that included a focus on English. Many of the youngsters learned some English, but none reached a level that they could actually have a conversation in English ... until now. Finally, two kids from Botpalád took the challenge seriously enough that we are happy to say that we must honor our part of the challenge.

We will be in Hungary and Romania from the end of May until mid June, and when we return, we will be accompanied by two 15 year old cousins, Cintia Bognár and Károly (Karesz) Gertner who will be staying with us in

Florida for two months. Cintia is the daughter of Pastor Gábor and Marianne Bognár, and Karesz is the son of Károly and Andrea Gertner. Károly senior is praise and worship leader for the church in Botpalád. Cintia would like to be a translator (like Marta) and Karesz wants to be a police officer, which requires being fluent in at least one other language besides Hungarian.

During their stay with us they will be immersed in English (Hungarian will not be allowed). Even though both have studied English for several years, there are not many opportunities to use it in Hungary. We believe that this will not only be a fun time for them but will be a valuable time to practically apply skills they have been learning. Your prayers for them (and us) is appreciated.

It should be noted that these two are not the first ones we have helped visit the U.S. but they are the first Romas. A few years ago we brought out two young men from Hungary, and a young girl from Romania. All three are making good use of their English knowledge today. The challenge is still there for any of our Roma youth willing to follow through on a commitment to learn English.

Also on this trip, we are honored to be invited to participate in a conference hosted by Pastor Thomas Lohnke at Family Church in Langenthal, Switzerland. Pastor Thomas has been a great blessing to Light to the Nations and has been part of many of the teams that have ministered in Hungary and Romania.

We will also be visiting Light to the Nations churches in Székelyhíd, Romania, Ózd, Botpalád and Kölcse, Hungary. We appreciate your prayers!

As always, we are so thankful and appreciative of all your prayers and financial support. You are Light to the Nations!

Love, blessings, and Happy Father's Day!!!

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Focus on Botpalád, Hungary



Above left: Here are Cintia Bognár and Károly (Karesz) Gertner who will be staying with us in Florida for two months. Cintia is the daughter of Pastor Gábor and Marianne Bognár, and Karesz is the son of Károly and Andrea Gertner. Károly senior is praise and worship leader at the church in Botpalád. **Above right:** Little ones join in with the youth as they perform a dance routine for praise and worship in Botpalád.



Above left: Kids from the Botpalád church enjoying a banana break. **Above right:** Last month we introduced you to Renáta Ármós who is the children's minister in the Botpalád church and also leads the children's ministry in Kölcse. Here is one more picture we just couldn't help but share. The look on the little boy's face is priceless! As we said last time, the kids fell in love with Renáta on her first visit.



Above left: June is graduation time in most places, and Botpalád is no exception. Here is József Ármós Jr. the son of József and Renáta Ármós as he graduates from 8th grade. The church in Botpalád, Hungary recently had a baptism service. In the picture **above center**, those who were about to be baptized share a brief testimony about their salvation. **Above right:** Pastor Gábor Bognár is shown baptizing József Ármós, Renata's husband!