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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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Psalm 4:8 NKJV

I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

As we continue with our theme of peace for 2018, I would like to share something Alexander Maclaren once said: "True peace comes not from the absence of trouble, but from the presence of God..." This truth was never more evident than during our recent mission trip to Hungary and Ukraine. We visited Roma villages in Bánszállás, Hungary and Berehove, Ukraine that were some of the most chaotic, poverty stricken places we have ever been. Even though there was extreme confusion and hopelessness throughout these villages, peace was still available, but enjoyed by far too few of the people. We thank God that more and more people are coming to know the presence of God and the peace that can bring victory even in terrible circumstances.

Our first stop on this trip was in the city of Ózd and nearby Bánszállás, Hungary very close to the border of Slovakia. Our visit to Bánszállás was especially interesting, because besides an evangelistic outreach with evangelist Vern Norton, and being able to meet in person with the people we have been teaching on Skype, we were asked to perform a wedding for Sándor and Borbála Váradi! An amazing thing happened in connection with the wedding. The day before the wedding someone (no one knows who - could it have been an angel?) delivered a wedding dress to the couple who have been overseeing the ministry in Bánszállás. All he said was that this is for the wedding tomorrow, and then he disappeared. The dress fit perfectly - no alterations necessary (see photo on the back of this newsletter).

After our time in the Ózd area, we drove back to Budapest and ministered at the Kosd Baptist church that next Sunday. We hadn't been in Kosd for some time, so it was good to see old friends again. A couple of days later, we met Pastor Thomas Lohnke at the Budapest airport, and drove directly to Berehove, Ukraine.

Berehove is another place we have been teaching on Skype, but this was our first opportunity to see the people in person. Joining us at the border before we crossed over into Ukraine was Pastor Levente (Levi) Szandai from Cluj, Romania. Pastor Levi speaks Hungarian and English, but his first language is Romanian. Pastor Levi was a real blessing on this trip as he was able to relieve Marta of some of the translation duties.

From Berehove, we drove across the border back into Hungary where we had a three day conference in Uszka. There were people from Ukraine, Romania, and all the towns in Hungary where we have been ministering. Thanks to the generosity of our partners, we were able to give each one who attended a very nice gift bag containing a note pad and pen (with Light to the Nations logo), three different Christian mini books and a T shirt with Light to the Nations (in Hungarian) with the conference theme, Mark 16:15 on the front and on the back, the English version of Light to the Nations with Isaiah 42:6,7. The second day of the conference we made quite a show in Uszka when over a hundred people showed up wearing their shirts. In fact, it got the attention of the mayor Dr. István Sértő-Radics, who came to the church service on Sunday.

We were also blessed to have Pastor Thomas Lohnke teach a series for the Light to the Nations video Bible school. Besides his ministry for the conference, Pastor Thomas recorded three sessions every morning before the conference started. We have almost completed all of the subjects for the three years of Bible school.

Everywhere we went, evangelist Vern Norton led evangelistic outreaches every day, even going house to house. In every town or village we visited, Vern ministered to people who were saved, healed and restored.

We also want to thank all of our partners who made this trip possible. Thanks to you, we were able to deliver 100 Hungarian language Bibles to many people who had none. What a blessing that was. Also, the conference gift bags were something that was very special to those who attended and made this time a very memorable one. We were also able to provide meals for three days for everyone at the conference as well as lodging for those who needed it.

We firmly believe that those who support this ministry are just as important to the success of the ministry as those who are "delivering the message". Without our partners we would be very limited in what we do. 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, Blessings and Peace!

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Above left: Evangelist Vern Norton speaks in Bánszállás, Hungary as Marta translates. Several people came forward to submit their lives to Jesus. **Center:** This is the couple, Sándor and Borbála Váradi who asked us to perform their wedding ceremony while we were in Bánszállás. Notice the wedding dress that was delivered by an angel! **Above Right:** All available space is used when we teach in Bánszállás. This time we were there in person, rather than on Skype.



Above left: Marta greets people as they arrive for the mid-week church service in the Roma village in Berehove, Ukraine.. The weather was cool, but we met outdoors so we could accommodate more people. **Center:** Church members in Berehove are thrilled to receive new Hungarian language Bibles. Thanks to partners of Light to the Nations, we were able to give new Bibles to people in every town we visited on this trip. Thank you partners! **Above Right:** Vern Norton exhorts the people at the conference in Uszka, Hungary as Pastor Levente (Levi) Szandai from Cluj, Romania translates. Pastor Levi was a real blessing to us on this trip as he not only helped with translation, but did an excellent job as he shared from his heart.



Above left: Pastor Thomas Lohnke is shown here with Marta translating as he taught another subject for the Light to the Nations video Bible school. Pastor Thomas taught three hours every day as part of the conference in Uszka. **Center:** Sanyi and Évike from Székelyhid, Romania hold up the T shirts that were included in the gift bags everyone received at the conference. **Right:** Here, Marta, Dan, Vern and Pastor Thomas pray for Uszka mayor, Dr. István Sértő-Radics who wanted to know what was going on in his town with so many people were wearing these shirts (see photo below).

