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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 126:5-6 NKJV

5 Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.

6 He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.

Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays. Years ago, thanksgiving was more about a huge meal and football, but since I gave my life to Jesus, it has become more and more about being thankful for what He has done for me, and to reflect on my thankfulness for the goodness of God. I am thankful for the truth of the Word of God that sets people free.

Psalm 126 seems very appropriate for this harvest season, and this year I must say that I am looking at it differently than in years past. In reading a few Bible commentaries on these verses, I have been unable to find anything that brings out what I am seeing in this psalm. First of all, the two verses above talk about sowing in tears. I know personally that sowing isn't always easy, but if you want a harvest, sowing is always necessary. These verses speak to me of someone who sees the need to sow even in hard times.

Connected to this, and fitting with our theme of 2016 being a year of harvest, Matthew 13, Mark 4 and Luke chapter 8 all talk about what is known as the parable of the sower or the parable of the seed. It is crucial to understand that the seed Jesus was speaking of in this parable is the Word of God. The soil is the heart of those in whom the seed was planted, and the varying results were due to how the seed was received. An unthankful heart, one that does not value and appreciate the seed of God's Word, will not produce the desired harvest.

We are thankful for a recent message we received from Zsolt and Ildikó Bognár of Uszka, Hungary, whose son Alex had a severe allergy to dairy products. During our last visit, we prayed for Alex. Zsolt and Ildikó wrote to tell us that after the pray, they were able to visit their doctor who verified that Alex is totally healed of allergies! Glory to God, Jesus is the healer!

We are returning to Hungary where we will participate in the dedication of the church building (that is no longer a bar) in Botpalád, Hungary. We will also be having a "mini" conference in Uszka. Our team will be teaching and encouraging leaders

and others from Uszka and surrounding villages. Joining Dan and Marta for this trip will be Pastor Jon Neitzell from River Valley Christian Church, Minnesota, Brian Eager and Peter Molnár, also from RVCC Pastor Thomas Lohnke and Marco Giardina from Switzerland. During our time in Uszka, we will be presenting diplomas to students who have finished their first or second year of the Light to the Nations Bible school. We will also visit the churches in Kispalád, Botpalád, Kölcse and Túristvándi which are coming under the Uszka church, led by Pastors Jenő and Erzsébet Orgován, who have helped them get connected to Light to the Nations Ministries.

Since our time on this trip will be shorter than usual, we would like to bring Pastor Karcsi and Gizella Hendre from the Light to the Nations Church in Székelyhíd, as well as several youth leaders. We will be providing transportation and lodging for ten people to attend the four day conference in Uszka. In addition, we would like to provide meals for everyone attending the conference. Any gift you might like to offer towards expenses of travel and lodging for those coming from out of the area, and for meals for conference attendees will be greatly appreciated.

We will arrive in Budapest Mon. Nov. 14, meet there with team members and drive to Uszka Thursday, Nov. 17. We will be in Uszka and surrounding villages until Wed. Nov. 23, when we drive to Székelyhíd, Romania for two days of ministry there. Before leaving Hungary, we will make a quick stop in Szolnok, Hungary for a visit with Ashley Eager, daughter of Brian and Luann Eager. Ashley is teaching English at a Hungarian school there.

We are so thankful for the way our partners have responded over the years to the needs of the Roma people, especially at this time of year. Even though we know we are entering the busiest time of year for many people, not to mention what can be a stressful time financially, we believe that those who sow into the lives of our friends in Hungary and Romania will receive a very fruitful harvest. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Love & blessings,

Dan & Marta Lewis



During our visit in September, we were able to spend some time with several of the leaders from Uszka and the villages that have expressed a desire to be part of Light to the Nations. **Above left** are some who gathered with us in the Uszka church. **Above right:** We enjoyed a nice outdoor lunch after teaching of the Word, with people from the new church that was started in Tiszabecs, Hungary.



Above left: A church meeting in the town of Kispalád. Miklós Lukács, who is serving as pastor, (black shirt, far left) has converted his garage into a meeting place. The **middle picture** shows workers building a base for the platform in the new church building in Botpalád. **Above right:** Zsolt and Ildikó Bognár, also from Botpalád, whose son Alex (standing in front of his mom) was healed of severe allergies when we prayed for him during our last visit.



Above left: Oszkár Lakatos, leader of the new church in Túristvándi is shown here leading worship in a service there. **Above right:** We are happy to know that the church in Túristvándi sees the importance of ministry to the children.

Roma Christmas!

It's time once again for Light to the Nations Christmas gift packages of food for Roma families in Hungary and Romania. If you'd like to help, please send your gift to the address on the front of this newsletter. We will purchase flour, sugar, rice, macaroni, cooking oil, chicken and also include some clothing, toys and special Christmas candy for the kids. We would like to provide packages for as many families as possible. Your gift will mean so much to many needy Roma families. Please pray about helping make this Christmas a special time for these precious people.

Thank you!