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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

## November 2018

### Eph 6:14-15

*Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*

**In Ephesians chapter 6** from verse 10 to verse 20, Paul describes the armor of God. Paul had an “up close and personal” view of the armor of a Roman soldier, and used this to illustrate the armor God has given us for the warfare we are engaged in as believers.

**Most of the time**, we don’t think much about our shoes (unless they hurt our feet) and one might wonder why shoes would be important enough to be considered part of our armor. These shoes also had greaves, a part of the shoe that wrapped around the leg and attached to the loin belt. Also, when you find out that many times a Roman soldier’s shoes had long metal spikes, they don’t sound much like *peaceful* shoes.

**For the Roman** soldier, his shoes were very important. Imagine being barefoot on a battlefield covered with rocks, sticks, bushes. Protective shoes with good traction would enable a soldier to stand his ground with confidence that he was not going to be pushed around.

**In his book** *Dressed to Kill*, Rick Renner points out that the loinbelt actually represents the written Word of God. Every part of the Roman soldier’s armor depended on the loinbelt being properly utilized. In the same way, all of our spiritual armor depends on us making full use of the written Word. With the belt (Word) in place and our shoes on, you can walk through bad circumstances with good traction - stand your ground, even move forward with confidence and in peace.

**In case you** still might wonder what the gospel of peace has to do with shoes, remember Romans 10:15:

*As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"*

**Believers are to** announce the good news of God's Kingdom, which will spread His way of peace around the whole world. Having our shoes on, we are ready to move, to spread these glad tidings to others.

**While we were** in Hungary recently, we participated in the planting of a new church in the town of Farkaslyuk, a small village a few kilometers from Ózd (Farkaslyuk translates to Foxhole in English). An area for which we are requesting prayer is for finances to continue to rent the meeting room in Farkaslyuk. Currently, they are being charged \$40 each time they use the building, which may not seem like much, but to people with very little income, it is taking a great step of faith.

**We will be** going back later this month, mostly to spend time with the leaders and church families in Farkaslyuk according to Acts 2:42, and reinforce the importance of following the Word rather than traditions that have no foundation in the Word. We will also make preparations for Christmas for Roma church families.

**As you can see** from the announcement on the back of this newsletter, we are preparing for another Christmas blessing of food for Roma families in Romania and Hungary. Since we will be in Hungary from the latter part of November until mid December, we are asking as many as are able to submit their gifts designated for Roma Christmas so that we can start making purchases while we are there later this month and into December. We understand that this is short notice, and you can still contribute even after Christmas, but the more we can take with now, the less it will cost in transfer fees and trips to a bank to access the funds. One thing many may not realize is that just to pick up money wired to the Roma leaders requires a 50 kilometer trip to the nearest bank. Retrieving the funds often includes major hassles just because they are Roma. Also, as we have done for the past few years, we will be providing a weekly bread delivery for church families. This has literally been a life-saver for many in the long harsh winters there.



**Above left:** Youth from the Székelyhíd, Romania Light to the Nations church pause for a photo during practice for puppet skits. River Valley Christian church in Lake Elmo, MN presented the church with several puppets and a puppet stage several years ago, and the youth have been making good use of the equipment. **Above right:** Not to be outdone, the younger children of Székelyhíd have their own team of puppeteers.



**Above left:** Children from the Székelyhíd church perform a dance/tambourine routine they learned from the youth leaders who teach the children every Saturday morning. **The Center and right** pictures, show some of the youth leaders praying for the children, and the picture **below at right** shows children praying for the youth leaders. We are so pleased with how the youth of the Székelyhíd church have been so committed to helping to “train up” the little ones in knowledge of the Word of God.



**We are so thankful** for everyone who supports this ministry. You are very important to us and any harvest is your harvest. Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated.

Love, Blessings, Peace and Happy Thanksgiving!

*Dan + Marta Lewis*

### ROMA CHRISTMAS!

*It's time once again for the Light to the Nations Christmas gift packages of food for Roma families in Romania and Hungary. 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 (some families have 8-10 kids). Your gift will mean a great deal to many needy Roma families. Please pray about helping make this Christmas a special time for these families.*

**Thank you!**