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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

## *Urgent Request*

**After sending out** our November newsletter, we received some news about something that needs to be dealt with right away. In one way, this news couldn't have come at a worse time, with winter approaching and this being the time of year when we put together finances for our annual Christmas gift of food to Roma families in Hungary and Romania. On the other hand, we know that God is not limited by what we see as obstacles, and we trust that He will help us through this in ways we haven't even thought of yet.

**A few months** ago, as Pastor Gabor Bognar was taking a group of people home after church, a deer ran in front of him, and did extensive damage to the car. They did their best to have the car repaired, and it has served them fairly well, but this last Sunday, as he was again taking people home, he realized he was unable to control the car.

**At this point**, all Pastor Gabor can do is sell the car for parts. Obviously, not enough value in it to buy a replacement. We also found out, that he had to pay a fine recently because the car couldn't pass the required safety inspection.

**It should be** noted that the church in Botpalad, Hungary where Pastor Gabor oversees the flock, has become a "hub" for the whole area. In this rural area, on a typical Sunday, Pastor Gabor makes two to three trips (sometimes more) to each of several remote villages to pick up people who have no transportation, and then take them home after service. He also runs a transportation service for the midweek and youth services. The people he serves have been neglected spiritually because of the lack of churches in the area.

**Pastor Gabor is** putting out his faith for at least a 7 passenger vehicle, but a 9 passenger would be better. This would greatly cut down on the driving he has been doing. A used 9 passenger vehicle will cost around \$9000.

**We are personally** standing with the church in Botpalad and will give our best gift (not ministry funds) to help. We are writing this letter to ask you to pray about possibly participating in the purchase of a van for the church in Botpalad. Your gift of any amount will help. I do not want to put any pressure on anyone, so if the Lord prompts you, just be obedient to do what He says.

Your gift can be designated "Van" and sent to:

Light to the Nations Ministries  
c/o River Valley Christian Church  
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Thank you!!!

Love and blessings,

*Dan & Marta Lewis*