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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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Matthew 7:1-2 NKJV

"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

As we continue our focus on 2016 being a year of harvest, it is important to remind ourselves that God created everything on this planet to operate on the principle of planting seeds and reaping a harvest. Everything reproduces after its own kind, and God said that as long as the earth remains seedtime and harvest would not cease (Genesis 8:22).

While this may be obvious in the area of the seeds one would plant in a field or garden, or in the seed of man and animals, you can see all through the Bible that seedtime and harvest applies to everything. Mark chapter 4 is just one example of this, when Jesus taught the parable of the sower. Jesus told his disciples that if they didn't understand the principles of this parable, they would be unable to understand any of the parables.

When we look at the first two verses of Matthew chapter 7 in the light of seedtime and harvest, we can gain a better understanding of why Jesus said this. Judging another person is planting a seed of judgment. Since seeds reproduce after their own kind, the harvest of planting judgment is a harvest of judgment. This principle applies in both the negative and positive realm. If a person "plants" mercy, they can expect a harvest of mercy. In fact, James chapter 2 and verse 13 says: *"For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment."* To show no mercy to others can disqualify you from receiving mercy.

A question we should ask ourselves before planting seeds of judgment, or criticism directed at another person (even if you think they have it coming) should be: *"Is this something I want to harvest in my own life?"* Jesus reminds all of us that we should remove the plank in our own eye, before we criticize the speck in the eye of another person.

In September we visited the Light to the Nations churches

in Hungary and Romania. This trip was put together quite suddenly, as we had the opportunity to purchase a building in the town of Botpalád, Hungary that is to serve as the home for the Light to the Nations church there. During our time there, we met with the owner of the property as well as lawyers, to make the purchase. Church members from Botpalád and Uszka are already at work cleaning, painting and removing any hint of being a bar, which was its use for several years. We think a church is a much better use of the property. Also, we believe this property will be useful as a small "campground" for children during summer. There are already bathroom facilities, and a shower can be added to the one that is already there.

There is another property that we are looking at in Uszka, that would be a place for a similar camp to the one being renovated in Botpalád, except this would be a center for the youth of the area. We have talked to the owner of the property, and he is willing to give us what we think is a very good price.

Besides Botpalád, we were able to visit other church groups that are becoming Light to the Nations affiliates in Tiszabecs, Kölcse, and Kispalád. Leaders from another group in the town of Túristvándi joined us for some of the meetings in Uszka. These are all villages that Pastor Jenő and Erzsébet Orgován and the church in Uszka have been reaching out to over the last few years as they oversee the Light to the Nations Bible school. Because of the truth of the Word they receive by listening to the Bible school teachings, they have all expressed a desire to be part of Light to the Nations Ministries.

We invited Pastor Jenő and Erzsébet Orgován and Alex and Julia Mursa to travel with us from Uszka, to Székelyhíd, Romania. While in Székelyhíd, each one had several chances to minister to the people there, and they did an awesome job! All four have completed two years of the Light to the Nations Bible school, and as they taught, it was obvious they paid attention to the teaching. We were especially pleased to hear Alex and Julia who are fairly new Christians, as they shared their testimonies and shared a bit



The two pictures **above** and the two **below left** show the beginning stages of transforming a bar into a church. Church members from Botpalád have been hard at work cleaning and removing any traces of the past life of this building that is becoming a home for the Light to the Nations church in Botpalád. The picture at the **far right below**, Dan stands with Pastor Jenő in front of one of the houses that was repaired after a vicious hailstorm damaged or destroyed many of the roofs in Uszka. Thank you partners, for your generous giving toward the roof repair.



Below left: Alex Mursa, who came with us from Uszka to Székelyhid, Romania is shown here teaching the children from the Székelyhid church. On Saturdays, the youth of the Székelyhid church spend time teaching, playing with and feeding the children from the church. On this visit, we had over 70 children in attendance. **Below right:** Here you can see some of the youth as they distribute lunch and vitamins to the children. The children also received some new clothes from Light to the Nations.



about what they had learned in Bible school. Pastor Jenő has taken Alex “under his wing” as his “Timothy”. It is exciting to watch this young couple grow and develop in the Lord. We don’t have the freedom in this newsletter to share their background, but we believe that if you knew a little about what they have been through before giving their lives to Jesus, you would be as amazed as we have been. God is so good!

As always, we are so thankful for your prayers and financial support for Light to the Nations Ministries. Your commitment to support Light to the Nations is never taken lightly. We truly appreciate your faithfulness in support of Light to the Nations. Thank you!!!

Love and blessings,

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