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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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Isaiah 1:19-20 NKJV

19 If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land;

20 But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword"; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

As you may be aware, we have been helping out the Light to the Nations church in Székelyhíd, Romania by teaching their Wednesday evening service via Skype. We are currently teaching a series based mostly on Isaiah 1:19, 20. As I have been preparing these messages, I am realizing how important these verses are in light of our current newsletter theme of harvest. I don't know anyone who wouldn't be delighted to eat the good of the land. One translation of the latter part of Isaiah 1:19 says, *...the good things of the land will be yours*. Sounds really good, doesn't it.

But eating the good, having the best - is not automatic. The very first word in Isaiah 1:19 is probably the most overlooked word in the entire Bible: **If**. In fact, I can't think of any of the promises of God from the Bible that doesn't have an "if" in it. *If you do this... then God will do this*. Also, we absolutely can not leave out verse 20. Refusing and rebelling is not acceptable to the Lord, and there are consequences that are not pleasant.

I believe it is God's desire to bless His children, but we, as children must make a choice. By being disobedient to what the Lord is asking us to do not only causes us to forfeit enjoying the good things the land has to offer, it also severely limits our ability to harvest. Also, being willing has everything to do with one's heart attitude, while being obedient requires faith.

The best place to begin to be willing and obedient is in submission to the written Word of God. The Word is truth, and the Bible says that *...the truth will set you free*. But in order to be set free by the truth, one has to accept and yield to the truth. Ignoring a Bible truth will not make it go away. For example, the Bible says we are to love our neighbor. I am aware that some neighbors are not that lovable, thus making being obedient to that truth a real challenge. If we want to enjoy a fruitful harvest and eat the good of the land, being willing and obedient to the truth of God's Word is a must.

Last month we reported about the devastating hailstorm that did severe damage to crops and many homes in Eastern Hungary.

The response to that report has been overwhelming. We received enough to repair all the damaged roofs in Uszka. Thank you partners, for being part of this blessing.

As we reported last month, Pastors Jenő and Erzsike Orgován of the Uszka church have led evangelistic outreaches in nearby communities. One of these small towns, Botpalad, was not only hit by the same storm, but also found they were no longer able to rent the facility they had been meeting in. Without asking for any help, they began building a small place in which to meet in the future. As we checked further, we felt that what they were building was going to be much too small for what they needed. At the same time they were finishing the base layer of the foundation, a building in the center of town was put up for sale.

It seems that a bar in the center of town had become unprofitable (how about that?) and they needed to sell. This building will make a very good church building, and will be able to seat around 100 people. The asking price is less than what we had projected for the building they were working on, but it will still require some work to get it "church-worthy" including cleaning, painting and buying chairs. Because of this sudden "find" Dan & Marta will be traveling to Hungary September 6 to finalize details of the purchase. There are some in town who do not want the bar closed, so we are asking for prayer that every detail be worked out, and that we have favor with the owners and the townspeople.

We were honored in August to officiate (via Skype) the wedding of Sandor Sarkadi and Erika Hendre (see photo on the other side of this newsletter). These two have been friends since childhood, and both have been active in working with the children of the church in Székelyhíd. They have also been a great example to the whole community as they made a commitment to each other to wait until they were married before sharing intimate physical relations. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

Thank you partners, for your generous help! Thank you for your prayers and financial support for Light to the Nations. We never take lightly your part in this ministry. We want you to know how much we appreciate your connection to Light to the Nations. Thank you!!!

Love and blessings,

Dan & Marta Lewis



The four pictures **above**, show various stages of repair of some of the houses that were damaged by hail in Uszka, Hungary. Some of the roofs were completely destroyed, while some, such as the one in the picture at **right**, just needed part of the roof replaced. Fourteen homes in all were damaged. What has been very encouraging was that everyone in the church is doing whatever they can do to get these roofs replaced or repaired. They will all be finished by mid-September. Thank you, partners for making this possible.

The picture **below left** shows the building that was once a bar, but will soon become a church building! In the building are restrooms for men and women, as well as a shower. There is an "L" shaped addition in back, and there is parking for at least 10 cars. The building is located right in the middle of town, so is accessible for everyone. Your prayers are appreciated.

Below center is a snapshot of one of the recent Wednesday evening services at the Light to the Nations church in Székelyhíd, Romania. That's us (Dan & Marta) on the wall as we teach via Skype each Wednesday we at noon Eastern time, which is 7 PM in Romania.

Below right: Congratulations to Sandor (Sanyi) Sarkadi and Erika (Bori) Hendre who were married August 27 in a ceremony in which Dan & Marta had the honor of officiating via Skype.

