

# Light to the Nations Ministries

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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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### Mark 4:30-32 NKJV

*Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."*

**These verses from Mark chapter 4** fits in well with our theme of "overflow" for 2017. Teaching about the kingdom of God, Jesus compares the kingdom to a mustard seed. Seeds are miraculous! It is a miracle that any seed can produce an "overflow" of itself. Everything that is needed to produce whatever it was designed to produce is already in that tiny seed.

**I believe that** one of the things Jesus is telling us in this parable is that any seed - good or bad has the potential of dominating the "garden" of your life. Something that seems so small and insignificant can turn into a controlling force in your life. Usually we think of the "seed" of a bad habit or something negative that we certainly don't want to dominate us, but this principle works for any seed. One might think, "I really don't have time to read the Bible like I should, what good will just five or ten minutes do?" It's a seed, and seeds have the potential to grow and dominate, or "overflow" in your life. Keep planting, keep watering and expect a harvest on the seeds you sow.

**On our recent** visit to Hungary and Romania we were honored to perform the wedding ceremony for Sándor (Sanyi) Horváth and Éva (Évike) Hendre in Székelyhíd, Romania. With us was Pastor Jon Neitzell from River Valley Christian Church in Lake Elmo, Minnesota, his daughter Tali and Jessica Shaklee who was in Hungary taking language classes. Following the wedding we attended the reception dinner which was amazing. Amazing because none of the guests had ever been to a Roma wedding reception where there was no alcohol. Amazing because a salvation invitation was given about halfway through the evening, and several people responded. Amazing because people (and pastors) from different churches came together in real love and unity. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

**From Székelyhíd** we drove to Uszka, Hungary where we joined with a team of youth from RVCC. I don't mean to wear out the word, but these kids were amazing and a great blessing to the local churches! They did skits and music and Bible lessons and

showed much love to the Roma kids, and they did it with a good attitude, because the whole time we were in Hungary and Romania the weather was extremely hot!

**After a few** days in Uszka, we drove with the whole team back to Székelyhíd for another round of "extra warm" ministry. More on the Székelyhíd ministry next month. Also, we don't have room to show a lot of the pictures we took, so some of them will have to be in the October newsletter as well.

**After Székelyhíd**, the RVCC youth attended a Hungarian Summer camp, while Pastor Jon and Brian Eager travelled with us back to Budapest to pick up Bibles that we had ordered. Thank you, by the way, to all of you who donated funds to purchase Bibles. We promise pictures in future newsletters.

**From Budapest** we travelled to Ózd in the Northern part of Hungary very close to the border of Slovakia. Attila Varga is pastor of the church in Ózd, and though we haven't been working with the Ózd church very long, we are very excited to see the hunger to learn more about the things of God. In Ózd we ministered in the Sunday church service, met with one of the home groups and participated in an evangelistic outreach in Bánszállás, just on the outskirts of Ózd which was - amazing!

**This month** we will be going back to Hungary to begin the new school year for the Light to the Nations Bible school which will include a third year course for those in ministry leadership. We will also give certificates to students who have completed first or second year courses. In Uszka they already have 50 students registered for all 3 years and Ózd has 26 first year students. We have been working hard to get as much of the curriculum as possible on video. We're getting there, but still need prayer.

**In the August** newsletter, we asked for prayer for a suitable meeting place for the Ózd church and we believe we have found a place. Please continue to pray for favor as one of the problems is that the new mayor of Ózd has said that he would rather the Romas leave his town so he doesn't have to deal with them. We believe the Word of God is the only thing that will bring real change to Romas and non-Romas.

**Thank you for** your support of Light to the Nations Ministries. Your prayers and financial support for this ministry is...**awesome!** Thank you!!!

Love and blessings,

*Dan & Marta Lewis*



**Left:** We were honored to officiate at the wedding of Sándor (Sanyi) Horváth and Éva (Évike) Hendre in Székelyhid, Romania. as they exchange vows of marriage on July 29. Friends since they were small children, Sanyi and Évike have been leaders of the youth group and also in charge of the Saturday children's ministry in Székelyhid.



**Right:** Right after the wedding, we traveled to Hungary where we joined up with the youth group from River Valley Christian Church for a series of meetings in the Uszka in Eastern Hungary. In this picture, Marta is leading some of the young people from Uszka in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

**Below left,** Marta translates for Jessica Shaklee as she shares in Uszka. **Below center,** The team from RVCC found some welcome shade where they could do some outdoor activities. Here, Ashley Eager teaches flag routines to kids from the area. **Below right,** this game involved keeping a water balloon in play without popping it. On this extremely hot day however, everyone hoped it would pop on them!



**Above left,** Dan prays for members of the worship team in Ózd. **Above center,** From Uszka, we travelled to Ózd, Hungary. The kids in this picture had just received baptism in the Holy Spirit, and are helping Marta and Brian Eager (in back) pray for this couple to be filled also. The couple is potentially part of the leadership in the Ózd Light to the Nations church, but needs to finish the Bible school starting this month. **Above right,** our team praying for people in Ózd.



**At left,** During our time in Ózd we were able to participate in an outdoor evangelistic meeting in Bánszállás, just on the outskirts of Ózd. While several people accepted Jesus as their Savior, the young lady at **right,** was a bit shy and didn't want to go forward during the salvation call, but Marta sought her out and she is now born again! Praise the Lord!

