



“Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known in all the world.”

Isaiah 12:4-5

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Beloved Friends and Family,

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The lingering heat of summer makes us doubt that it is Fall but we can see the early signs of some leaves turning lovely orange and red and they are beginning to blanket the ground in preparation for the cold of winter.

Hallelujah!!! We celebrated the first anniversary of the Lord sparing my life from the heart attack I had last September 28th. Remember, we were just 3 days away from returning to Hungary when it happened. Praise be to God our Salvation who chose to spare my life and has restored me once again to health and strength. Our recent trip to Oregon just tested that since it was our first “long” trip. We went to celebrate the 75th birthday of a very dear sister in Christ and precious friend, Sharrie Cremasco. She and her husband Gian recently moved from California to Hammond, Oregon, which is by the mouth of Columbia River and the region that Lewis and Clark finished their quest to explore America and find the Pacific Ocean. The Pacific Northwest is well known for its rain and lush green countryside. It was 30 degrees cooler. The Lord brought gentle early morning rains and gave us glorious sunny days. We saw our first elk, a momma and 3 young ones that had stopped traffic a few cars ahead of us. It was a delightful memory making trip.

Sharrie was used by God to lead Shirley into the fullness of the Holy Spirit and helped ground her in her faith as a new believer in 1975 when I was in the Navy and we were stationed on Whidbey Island, Washington. Shirley often shares with fondness the memory of Sharrie calling her one day to invite her to a Bible study in her home because the Lord had prompted her to do so. Shirley shares that, “I knew that people talked to God, but didn’t know that He talked back” and she had enough fear of God to respond with, “If God asked me to come then I’ll be there.” Sharrie’s genuineness and love for the Lord caused a deep friendship to grow into a sweet relationship for them and the Lord that has been ongoing for 44 years. She and Gian have been a faithful part of our support team, praying for us, encouraging us and giving to support God’s ministry through us, like so many of you. We give thanks to the Lord for all of you who have traveled this journey of faith with us and continue to stand with us as we transition here in North Augusta seeking to establish ourselves in His precious work, touching lives and keeping up our hope to once again return to Hungary and Sicily to minister. These words from a current song “Oh, the overwhelming never ending love of God...” keep resounding in our hearts.

Divine encounters with others continue to be a mutual blessing. We met, Mehmet, a Turkish vendor of items from Turkey and chatted a long time with him. Sharing about our time in Turkey had an immediate bonding and he hopes we will come and see him again. Standing in line at the bank, Shirley greeted the man next to her and asked how he was doing. He sensed her genuine concern and emotions flooded him as he shared in recent months he had lost his wife of 56 years and just a few weeks later his best friend. He expressed gratitude to us listening to his story. At our local hardware store a sweet young worker opened up about her ongoing battle with cancer when



Shirley and Sharrie

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we asked how she was doing. We were able to pray with her and now we look for her when we shop there to check on her and pray with her. Another day as we walked around a furniture store we saw an older lady reclining in a chair. Shirley was impressed by the Lord to go over and ask if she could pray for her. After praying she said she was resting having just come from another chemo treatment. She was so appreciative of prayer. In Oregon as we walked on the beach we approached an elderly couple as they sat on a bench. He had an accent and was delighted when he said he was Hungarian and we responded to him in our limited Magyar. He lived close to Debrecen and left Hungary in 1956. We see these times as gems from the Lord and seeds of love and encouragement being sown.

Last month we shared about Globe International's Member Care team being established to help minister to the growing number of missionaries. Nine families have now been assigned to us and we are establishing contact and are pleased with the early responses we have received. Our hope is to be able to come alongside them as co-workers and trusted friends that can easily understand their needs on many levels. Some are facing health issues, others have ailing older parents and some are in transition as God strategically moves them from one area of ministry to a new one. We know how much a timely word of encouragement means to us. Please pray with us for these needs and for wisdom and discernment on how to help them and be an encouragement.

Students mostly from Asia and Africa are now in Debrecen for the new semester, studying at the University and are once again filling A Haz Church to overflowing. We rejoice both in those who are returning and those who are discovering an English speaking church to worship in for the first time. Some have come to A Haz just because they know it will be a bi-lingual service and English will be spoken. Our hope is for this time to be filled with young people discovering their own faith since they are without parental covering for the first time. Many have come from Christian homes and have lived under the umbrella of their parent's faith. Now all kinds of choices are before them without the benefit or the watchfulness of their parents being close at hand to guide them. Please pray that they will mature in their faith based upon their own personal convictions. Pray that each one will grow deeper in love with the One who loves them so. Pray that their relationship with Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit will encourage their spiritual growth and maturity and that they will discover the gifts that Jesus has given them by the Holy Spirit. May their hearts be open so they can receive the Truth and be trained at A Haz to function in the life of the Body, serving others even as they are served by others.

We love you and thank God for you. May our Father also supply your needs and encourage you in your faith as you faithfully seek first His kingdom and righteousness.

Michael and Shirley



Dr. Damola graduates



Gian and Sharrie