



“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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Thank you, we know you have been praying for medical personnel with this virus and for those that are grieving the loss of loved ones. Prayer covering is needed for all children, but especially non-techy, very relational children that need hands-on learning at school, they will have an extra challenge. I can't imagine what some of you are going through trying to juggle time schedules and helping your precious children get settled into this "new normal" of distance learning. For you dear ones that are teachers may the Lord give you grace and favor to make a difference in each child's life with His wisdom, patience, and understanding as you work with them, assisting each one to find the learning path that will move them forward successfully. May He keep you all safe and well. More than ever, we are praying for His presence, His provision, His protection with His purpose to be made manifest.

September is Shirley's birthday month. My fair lady will be 73 years young this year and is still going strong, bless her heart, praise God. Still very much a kid at heart and loving life, she continues to grow in God's grace and her knowledge of His love for her that spills over onto just about everyone she meets. We will keep it pretty simple for her birthday on the 7th and focus on a yummy dinner in. Her desire is to buy snow crab legs that I will steam and California sushi rolls with corn on the cob. For dessert hopefully, it will be New York cheesecake topped with fresh raspberries. Got to splurge a bit for such an occasion, right?

This autumn air still feels like summer with our temps in the lower 90's. As we have enjoyed the blessing of central air conditioning this summer we easily remember living in Turkey and Hungary with a small unit hoping to get a cool breeze. Of course, it wasn't necessary in Iceland. Even now A Haz has a small unit that can't begin to adequately cool the main meeting room. Fall is such a delightful time in Debrecen, my favorite time of year there. Usually, by the end of August, temps were coming down to the pleasant low 80s and upper 70s and by September, it was time to pull out the long sleeve shirts and light windbreakers. Leaves would be turning their wonderful autumn colors and piling around the

base of the trees. Pleasant temps to walk in the parks and shuffle piles of leaves under your feet, but still warm enough to enjoy a fagyalt "fagy" - Magyar for ice cream. We think their sorbets are some of the best in the world.



Our students that graduated this year and are now doctors are waiting for their intern placements. It blesses us when they email. From the last A Haz weekly photos Gabor sent, we were pleased to see new faces.

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How we look forward to the day when we will get to meet them. We will include some lovely photos. Sometimes we can relate to the Apostle Paul's unfulfilled longing to go to Rome. We have a similar yearning to return to Debrecen. The latest news says that the government is extending restrictions on entries into the country. We haven't heard yet whether foreign students will be allowed to resume their studies unless they are already in-country. As the virus impacts economies around the world, this could be a major one for Hungary. In just Debrecen, over 5000 foreign students are part of the student body every year. We do know that university on campus classes are supposed to start the 2nd week of September. Beni, our heart grandson is now home from working in London this summer and is in the two-week quarantine before starting his freshman year. All other schools will start next week.



What a month of winds, the Derecho in the Midwest that impacted 6 states with a swath of devastating winds that was 30-50 miles wide at times. Iowa was the hardest hit with 43 percent of their \$10 billion farming industry destroyed, 10 million acres of crops, 1/3 of the cornfields were flattened as well as acres of soybeans. Iowa is the number one producer of corn, 1/6 of our nation's yield. Of course, these cat 2-3 hurricane-force winds came without warning. Then Hurricane Laura visited with its fury. We praise the Lord that those predicted storm surges were minimal. How great is our God! Pray for recovery.

Please pray that my strength returns. I am beginning to see it beginning, although I still leave home tired and return tired after my cardio rehab. I'm in my 3rd week, the numbers are looking very good which has everyone smiling. I'm doing an hour three times a week on three apparatuses plus dead weights twice a week. We are hopeful that in a few more weeks we can do a couple of weekend trips we desired to do earlier. On a trial attempt, I just found that I wasn't physically ready yet. Thank you for the cards and encouraging emails that I have received. I've never gotten so many cards before. They filled the mantle and spilled over onto the chest of drawers in the living room. Shirley likened them to a field of flowers not just a big bouquet. I've really felt your love and concern. God bless you all for your prayers. God is answering in marvelous ways and is healing my body once again. Praise His name. And thank you also for those of you who have answered Father's encouragement to help us with support. May God bless you for your sacrifices that have ministered to our financial needs. We are humbled and remember you in our prayers, knowing that God will honor His word and also meet your needs. We love you all and thank God for you.

If we could sum up what the Lord is doing here and there we would say "Great is His Faithfulness". Lamentations 3:22-26.

Blessings, *Michael and Shirley*