

Family Living Ministries International

Third Quarter 2012



Dr. Marite Tisa

Letter From Latvia

Dear Brothers and Sisters of FLMI Family,

Sincere greetings to you from Latvia! I am happy to share what God has done here using your support and generosity.

Our Soup Kitchen is able to help many people who do not have income at all or it is very small to have a meal once a day – a rich soup with black bread. During summer most of the Soup Kitchen attendants try to strive themselves – they go to woods to pick berries and mushrooms. So, in July daily about 43 people have attended Soup Kitchen. It means 950 soup portions are distributed which has cost \$950.



With colder autumn and winter months comes larger need for food. Zigrida, the leader of Soup Kitchen Project, also counsels these people, tries to help them to solve their social problems and most important, shows the way to the Lord Jesus Christ. These people are not left alone in their hardships. We pray they can continue and start to see God's hand that wants to bring them closer to Him and to provide much more for them.

FLMI-Latvia has also provided again a humanitarian clothing and footwear load to Kandava Soup Kitchen attendants. It is a very important help, especially for families with children who need to change their clothes more often because of growing out of their clothes.

A happy and uplifting moment for these people was a common lunch for Soup Kitchen attendants and families with sick children, supported by FLMI. Everyone was gathered around long tables and enjoyed a bowl of soup and also – since it was a special festive lunch – potatoes and meat. Everyone's soul was fed by music and Scripture performed by a missionary, saxophonist Craig Hearn from Texas who is help-

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ing FLMI by bringing funds for Soup Kitchen Project and sick children. Later he also prayed for the sick children and their families. They need a lot of encouragement.

Because of economic bankruptcy, life is not easy at all in Latvia, but to be seriously ill in these circumstances is unenviable situation. You can not receive the needed treatment for the most part not because it would not be available here, but because you just do not have money to buy it and because of the confusion and uncertainty in all the health care system. There are many adults and children who hopelessly suffer from hepatitis, tumors, diabetes and other diseases and cannot get the needed help. FLMI helps children with diabetes, severe psychological traumas, cerebral palsy, brain tumor, severe pathologies of central nervous system and kidneys.

We pray that by means of this help in the hearts of exhausted parents lights up some ray of hope and they can feel that they are not alone in that battle, but there is someone who cares for them.



In summer all these kids together with their parents were given a rare opportunity to go on an excursion by a special bus to a seaside and a countryside church where a special service was held for them showing Jesus Christ as a loving personal Savior. We can not explain why all there are these sufferings, but we can show a way to God who has created also these children and has all the answers.



In the last days of August, FLMI-Latvia has organized an annual recreation day in Talsi. Along with organized sport activities and family relays, creative workshops and picnic, everyone's heart was touched by a seminar on how little average Christians support missions work whether it is done in their own country or in foreign countries; most often it is not even few cents a year. Paradoxically, where the need is bigger, less money is coming. We all had to test our own commitment to God's work.

A very effective way of sharing God's Word was shown through sketches of Christian clowns. We observed that one can get bigger impact through an emotional drama which is just a few minutes long as perhaps through a few hours of lecture. Everyone recognized their own doubts, questions, problems and saw and felt God's answer through the emotional performance of the clowns.

If you would wish to watch it, here is a link to a series of streaming photos from the Recreation Day:

<http://talsudraudze.lv/galerijas/foto-2/atputas-diena-2012-gada-25-augusta-2/>

God owns all the money and resources in the world and could provide everyone with sufficient support directly, but He uses other people to show His love and care. God could reach everyone in the country where he lives by na-

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tive Christians, but He sends out missionaries far away to different countries to proclaim the saving message.

This summer members of FLMI-Latvia had a privilege to bring witness in music and testimonies not only in Latvia, but also in neighbor countries of Sweden, Denmark and Germany. In every country there is a need for sincere revival of people's hearts and we pray that God would bless our efforts and touch the hearts of people. We took part in local services in different churches, ministered with music and testimonies in cafes and family settings.

In the picture below, we sing together with a Latvian mother and a daughter from Germany who had taken away their passports and property, threatened and driven out of Soviet Latvia 23 years ago because of their Christian activities.



We are very thankful to each one of you who's hearts are sensitive and have responded to these needs and ministry in Latvia.

May God bless you richly!

With love,
Marite
FLMI-Latvia



Don and Carol Clary Notes From Home

Dear FLMI Family,

As you have been reading, the greatly expanded work through our Director of Operation-Dr. Marite Tisa and our Leadership Team of six members, plus our Field Representatives is making a big difference in the salvation of every age of Latvian, from little children who are nevertheless of sufficient age and ability to understand, to the very elderly and often disabled adult, most all of whom would be unable to survive without the provision of food and medicines they receive through FLMI.

Their spiritual condition, as one might expect, is the "bottom line" for the work that's taking place on a daily basis, through the ongoing work of both the Soup Kitchens and Medical Supply Projects..

The ripple effect is growing and many still are unable to grasp how someone from the other side of the world could care about them and be vitally concerned about their physical status and spiritual condition.

That, of course, is because they have been taught, all their lives, to believe they have no value and are worth nothing, which was indelibly reinforced for fifty years or more, including the time between the Nazi

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Germany and Soviet Russia occupation, and when one takes a close look at the history of the Latvian people, for the most part, they have known nothing else, going back in time through hundreds of year.

The marvelous results that have been taking place for the last twenty years, and more especially in the last 8 years, is that there is a significant difference taking place, with thousands of men, women and children...families...coming to know our Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

And here's a deeply important point: without each of you taking part in praying and financially supporting FLMI...none of this would have been happening...and none of it would be taking place right now.

So on behalf of the little ones, the previously desperate parents and the formerly fearful elderly, who have truly expressed this...I can echo their words in English, which are..."thank you, our as-yet unmet brothers and sisters who are taking care of us when we are unable to do that for ourselves. We pray for you and look forward to the day when we will be greeting you...in His Presence."

Please call us at 509 327 6745 or 327 7104 to schedule a Power Point presentation for your Home Group, Bible study fellowship or class, which includes information packets, films and an open Q & A time.

On behalf of the FLMI Board of Directors, your servants in Christ alone,

Don and Carol Clary
II Timothy 1:7