

# Family Living Ministries International

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## Letter From Latvia

Dear Brothers and Sisters of FLMI Family,

Advent time has come to Latvia together with a snow and a very cold weather. It is beautiful to see everything in white as it reminds us that Christ makes us white as a snow, but at the same time it means that many people have hard time to survive during this cold weather and we need to help them.

Soup Kitchen keeps adding people who need their daily minimum – soup and bread, and is very happy to receive donations which help them to continue this ministry. Each month they spend about \$1200 to feed all the poor people who come for food, social help and spiritual care.

Also, we have new children who receive support for their life saving treatment because of diabetes,



tumors, cerebral palsy, severe kidney and other diseases through the Medicines Project. Here you can see Zigrida issuing support to the 6 years old Edvins, who is very, very ill and our newest supported child Kristaps with his little heart on his right side, after many surgeries growing up in a foster family since his own parents has given him away. We are very thankful to each person who is helping to these little ones in their big needs.



Telling about other FLMI-Latvia work directions, I would like to share that in spite of a bad demographical situation, a large number of abortions, divorce, single-parent families, poor youth physical and mental health indicators in Latvia, Latvian government right now has approved a plan for gender equality. It says that a person is not born as a boy or a girl, but the acquisition of gender roles is just a process. Kindergartens already teach children that one day the boy can wake up as a girl and vice versa, high schools have in use materials of non-traditional sexual orientation guidance. Such non-approved training programs are introduced with great haste, without discussion in Latvian society.



FLMI-Latvia Team member Elita Kleinhofa Prūse fights on state's level for bringing biblical principles in schools, against free love, sexual permissiveness in life. She talks on National radio, holds seminars, takes part in Latvian Parliament meetings on gender issues in school curriculum. To ensure that Bib-

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lical truth is heard through her voice, she has become an active member also of Latvian Teachers' Council, is a methodologist of National Centre for Education, Board member of Latvian Christian Teachers' Association.

Elita worked together with Mr. Janis Rožkalns (a person who was sentenced by Soviets to 5 years in severe regime prison and 3 years exile in Siberia and then expelled from Soviet Union for anti-soviet activities) in developing an open letter to the Latvian Parliament, the Prime Minister, the Latvian Ombudsman asking to stop teaching children and young people false gender equality issues and distort their minds. The letter was signed by Christian teachers in their annual conference.



Gita Vadone, FLMI-Latvia Leadership member, holds student workshops in a nearby technical college, teaching about the importance of personal choice, dignity, biblically right relationships – courtship, engagement. Words of truth spoken in love, touches and students are crying, regretting their past. What a joy to proclaim that Jesus makes everything new!

Gita is a requested workshop leader in women camps and family camps, camps for children with special needs, a Bible teacher for children and young people. Gita also serves in prison, as well as trains Christian youth in this ministry. This area is particularly close to Gita, because once God called her out from prison walls to serve Him. God has given Gita wonderful counselor gifts, which she uses generously in dealing with young people, family problems, parenting issues, both with Christians and non-Christians. Her tiny apartment where she lives with her husband and 7 children of her own is never too small for anyone who wants to come to hear a Godly advice or to stay overnight. Through



her hospitality peoples' hearts open to God. Gita's children learn from their parents and witness about God to their peers. Again and again Gita is thanking Don for his teaching on counseling and how to do a good seminar which is practically so useful.

Thanking Gita's organizational capacity, Latvian Bible Center with a main campus in Riga - Latvian capital, has its biggest branch in Talsi, where people can come and study God's Word in-depth by help of teachers coming from all over the world. In the picture we see Gita and her husband Janis in the first student rows in LBC in Talsi.

At the end of November, LBC under leadership of Gita, organized a charity concert in order to help Talsi Children and Women Crisis Center to buy blankets for children who reside in the center after being taking out of abusive circumstances in families. Also some of FLMI-Latvia members took part in concert doing music.



FLMI-Latvia is continuing the work with families, too. Here we see the participants of the Evening for couples in Ventspils. FLMI-Latvia was providing music, testimonies and activities for the couples.

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I think, in Advent time Heaven comes even closer to people and peoples' hearts are more opened to the Saving message. FLMI-Latvia was again in old people home in Lauciena singing, giving witness, reading Scripture, distributing Bibles, praying for people, visiting them in their little rooms. We are happy to work in areas God leads us here in Latvia. We have a new project – visiting poor, lonely, old people at their homes, brining them food and talking with them, encouraging and praying for them. We hope that through this personal contact, God will touch their hearts and lives.



Don and Carol Clary  
**Notes From Home**



Our dear FLMI Family,

This edition of our fourth and last quarter News-letter for 2012 is almost overpowering as it shares with you the commanding presence and wide-spread activities of the ministry of Family Living Ministries International in Latvia.

We deeply appreciate your prayer and financial support for FLMI-Latvia work! May God bless you richly!

It is only because of your prayerful support and being our partners, laboring together, that we are able to engage in and see the results and accomplish the undertakings the Lord Jesus Christ has empowered FLMI to address.

With love,  
 Marite  
 FLMI-Latvia

We are praying together, that 2013 will see an increase in those we strive to serve, all of which is couched in considerable prayer, that is now and always has been, the cornerstone of entering through the open doorways, wherein He has challenged us, and we understand clearly, are virtually impossible without the necessary support and His implicit leading.



We sometimes wonder if we are adequately conveying to each of you, how deeply grateful we are for your support in the past and the need for that support to continue in the future, and we are excited about the opportunity to once again take another short-term missions journey to Latvia in the late Spring or early Summer of 2013. This trip will coordinate hands-on activities in a variety of ministries in which FLMI is involved, including the Soup Kitchens and Medical Supply Projects as well as serving some of the communities where we will present the Gospel in a wide variety of

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inventive ways, organized by our FLMI-Latvia Leadership Team and our Field Representatives, and as with the last trip, it promises to be well organized and leave each participant with a life-changing experience.

At this time we are planning on holding the initial Information Meeting at Indian Trail Church in Spokane, Washington on January 28th, at 7 PM, where we will have a video presentation, ministry specific data, travel possibilities and hold a Q & A time. Please put this date and time on your calendar now, and if you reside out of the area, and would like to pray about and consider being a part of this trip, simply let us know (contacting Don Clary at 509-327-6745 or E-mail at flmspo@aol.com) and we will be sure to contact you and provide the same information. We need to have arrangements made by the end of March at the latest, since it involves securing airline seating, lodging, advance transportation and meal arrangements and ministry assignments that will best match your abilities.

Please be praying that FLMI may continue serving the Latvian mission field well, through our leaders and personnel there, and that we will understand the clear direction of our Lord, as we continue to purposefully serve Him, so that He will receive honor and glory and that a large host of new people will come to know Him as their Lord and Savior and also that those whom are even now being shepherded and strengthened, will continue to grow and come into His service.

And lastly, for this edition of the Newsletter, thank you so very much for your prayers and support. We never take it for granted and work hard to be transparent to you, which is the primary reason for this publication. And we're excited to continue serving with you as we enter a new year..

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

Don and Carol Clary  
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