

# Family Living Ministries International

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## Letter From Latvia

### Dear Brothers and Sisters in FLMI Family,

“Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging” (Psalms 46: 2-3). I wish such a faith and trust in our God for myself and each one of us. We live now in a difficult time, but the Lord is the Only who can help us. Let’s continue to grow stronger in our Lord!

FLMI continues to work as we can in this restricted time. The needs of people are not diminished, they are there and we need to see how we can be a help. Inguna and Artis, the parents of our supported child Artis, have received



FLMI support for a longer time, but now they themselves have started a new Soup Kitchen in Sabile, a town where Artis, the father, is trying to grow a new church. They have held church

services until Covid restrictions stopped it. They have made friends with an owner of a local cafe who allows them to use her premises for the Soup Kitchen. They have got to know the situation in Sabile – there is a huge hopelessness and spiritual emptiness, many people are unemployed; there is a big distance till any city. It is especially hard for people of pre-retirement age

since they have some health



problems and employers do not want to hire them, but if a retired person stays alone it is very hard to survive with income from pension. In the

beginning Inguna and Artis got contacts from Sabile Social Department and Sabile Lutheran Church, so their work is acknowledged in the town by local authorities.

They continue to keep in contact with the people in needs and with their agreement pray for them. From June, 2020 they provide hot soup 5 days a week; it is 10 portions of soup a day, which together with bread cost





12 euros. They are very thankful to FLMI for financial support. They help people in different ways –food and clothes, and furniture received through the means of

humanitarian aid. For some families in need they were able to get even a washing machine, a bed and a gas stove. Some of people to whom they were able to help are Vesma, a lady who has become alone, is sick with Alzheimer’s disease and has to buy medicine; after that she is left with 14 euros a month. Inguna and Artis were able to help even with wood and repair of her stove for heating with wood. Vesma is happy to receive hot soup; it is hard for her to prepare food at home because of sickness.



A man by name Harijs is an invalid and takes care for his brother who is bedridden and his blind mother. He is not able to cook at home. Their income does not cover one week a month. He asks several times if the soup is without charge and it is hard for him to believe that someone gives it for free. There is another woman who also is an invalid and takes care of her 12 years old son with behavior problems that has started in his childhood when he had a violent father; now she has lost her job and is without any income.

Inguna and Artis tries to involve also local people in supporting the Soup Kitchen. Their vision is to have a church congregation in Sabile and to continue to serve the town with practical and spiritual help; to continue to work with young people in the town and to renew the old premises they have for church’s use. They also want to move to Sabile themselves and need a place to live. They appreciate prayers for their Soup Kitchen team and support of it, for their family and wisdom, and that inhabitants of Sabile start to long for God and seek Him. They believe that they are in the place where God has put them since God has put Sabile and its people in their hearts.



They remember time when they themselves had a need of a help from Soup Kitchen in Kandava. They want to bring God’s light and hope in Sabile and to grow in the Lord themselves. They are thankful for all the donations and trust the Lord that He will continue to provide.

Also other FLMI members try to serve the Lord in the way God allows them –by talking with people and giving testimonies on streets, distributing Bibles, visiting sick people at home, praying for them, providing food and medicines, serving in a Soup Kitchen in Kandava, putting study materials for children and adults on church’s websites, serving as group leaders on distance Alfa courses and serving with music. I pray that God would show us together and each one of us how we can serve Him more.

We thank you for your support!

With love,

Marite



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## **Greetings brothers and sisters**

To our dear family in Christ from the FLMI board, our hearts are with you. We would like to share some encouragement.

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Romans 12:10 (NIV)

As we continue to deal with the challenges and struggles that all the restrictions and guidelines that we as a world has had to deal with over the last 14 months, we can remember that we all are in this together, whether we are in the same town or clear around the world. As children of Our Heavenly Father, He knows where we are at, and He is waiting for us to bring our requests to Him. So let us do that together, where 2 or more are gathered together, He is present, and we are stronger together than we are apart, so let us find the way to be a light to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

I believe that one of the greatest challenges has been the feeling of isolation that has been challenging to so many, and because of the various guidelines which has restricted our many areas of ministries. FLMI, as a ministry has also continued to struggle with following all the guidelines, while still being there and reaching out to those in need. Hebrew 11:1 states, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see", so with this in mind, we can rest in His promises, and remember that the essence of faith is understanding that He is always there.

As noted in the scripture above, we are to be devoted to each other, we are to treat each other as family, to support each other. "My soul melts from heaviness; strengthen me according to your word." Psalm 119:28. Additionally, we are instructed in 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

So how do we do this, within the restrictions and guidelines that we currently are facing, daily we need to reach out in prayer, seeking guidance from our Heavenly Father. Seeking wisdom and ways that we can be there for our sisters and brothers in Christ, whether this is through financial support, providing a place, mentoring one on one, fellowshiping in small groups while maintaining required guidelines, prayer, or in other ways. Trusting in God, he will show us the way, and open the needed doors.

In Christ & His Glory and Honor,

Steve and Cindy Jameson

II Timothy 1:7