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Dr. Marite Tisa

Letter From Latvia

Dear Brothers and Sisters in FLMI Family,

We send you our love and greetings from the other side of the world with words from Jesaja 26:3-4 "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal."

We trust in the Lord and use the opportunities He is giving us. Kandava Soup Kitchen is helping 60-75 people each working day – they are old and sick people, disabled, with poor vision, poor families with many children. May God help Iveta, FLMI, the leader of the Soup Kitchen with wisdom and endurance. This is not an easy job, she

needs to make decisions and be ready sometimes even to receive unreasonable critic regardless what the decisions are. You know – the "wisest" usually are those who do not do anything. But this support - a bowl of hot soup and bread - is very important for the people in need and they appreciate it.

Talsi Soup Kitchen has not renewed its work as previously before pandemic



when people came together in the church building, but we help these about 20

people by buying gift cards for 15 euros in food shop, visiting them and giving these cards. People appreciate

this help which helps to provide food for each day.

Also Soup Kitchen in Sabile is working effectively; participants receive soup and bread daily. Thank you very much for the donations for this important work!



Kaneps family is taking care of the work in the Soup Kitchen. Husband Artis is also a preacher and is very concerned that these people receive also spiritual food. They do not have a place where to gather under the roof. They have only a very old property which is in ruins and is dangerous to come in; during summers they gather outside the old building. Artis shared that he prayed one day asking God what he should do in Sabile; he wants



to give people spiritual

encouragement, to have services with God's Word and worship, fellowship, but there is no place where to do it. Later he came home and his wife Inguna shared with him that they have received an invitation from local Lutheran church to use their premises for services. As it turned out, wife talked with Lutheran preacher at the same time Artis asked God about it... It is a strong testimony how important prayers are. They have had already the first service there. With July they plan to have services each Sunday. There is about 35 people coming together and they plan even for baptism in summer - there is a nice river that flows through the town Sabile.

Gita and Janis work with youth that gather in their home once a week for Christian film evenings. After the film they discussed it and youth had an opportunity to ask actual questions. They have set up a WhatsApp group for young people



with active correspondence. During this time they offer distance Sunday School materials to children; they need to read, do the tasks and send them in. Gita and Janis are very experienced Christian counselors and has great communication skills. They have started group meetings for mothers once a week with the help of video calls. After this spring when Gita and Janis took part in the Alpha course in Matthew's congregation in Riga as leaders, their group still wants to meet in Zoom and to receive support as the new members in the faith. Together they are looking for answers to various questions. Gita and Janis are leading them on the way to baptism.

Starting from February they visit about 40 families each month bringing practical help – food, clothing, footwear, household utensils and spiritual literature.



They help also some people in need to buy medicines and are thankful to FLMI for support. Despite of limitations they

always find time and opportunities to share with families and pray for them. In spring they gave to several families seeds to plant and grow vegetables and plastic film for greenhouses. Their motto is: Do what you can today and do it without hesitation.

They are gradually restarting also the Open Days in their church in Ciruli village - once a week besides



Sundays people have the opportunity to come there to receive prayers and encouragement. In summer they plan to organize day camps once a month, meetings for mothers once a month, as well as other activities.

We hope also to have our annual meeting with families of sick children who are supported by FLMI in August.

Our Elita is working on State's Parliament Educational committee and fights against demonstration of pornography and change of gender in media and internet. She asks for prayers since this is a spiritual warfare. Let's support this work!

With love, Marite



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)

Dear FLMI,

As Marite has said FLMI continues to work as we can during these's restricted times to which the needs of the lost and even of His children have not diminished but has even increased. As our Lord Jesus has put the lost and the hurting on our hearts, we lean, all the more on our Lord and Savior for strength & protection as we continue to serve Him till, we see His glorious face.

If we are going to live as disciples of Jesus, we need to remember that all efforts of worth and excellence are difficult. The Christian life is gloriously difficult, but its difficulty does not make us faint and cave in— it stirs us up to overcome. God saves people by His sovereign grace through the atonement of Jesus, and “it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure” ([Philippians 2:13](#)). But we must “work out” that salvation in our everyday, practical living ([Philippians 2:12](#)). If we will obey the Spirit of God and practice in our physical life what God has placed within us by His Spirit, then when a crisis does come, we will find that our own nature, as well as the grace of God, will stand by us.

Thank God that He does give us difficult things to do! His salvation is a joyous thing, but it is also something that requires bravery, courage, and holiness. It tests us for all we are worth. Jesus is “bringing many sons to glory” ([Hebrews 2:10](#)), and God will not shield us from the requirements of sonship. God's grace produces men and women with a strong family likeness to Jesus Christ, not pampered, spoiled weaklings. It takes a tremendous amount of discipline to live the worthy and excellent life of a disciple of Jesus in the realities of life. (Oswald Chambers)

Draw near to God with a thankful heart, aware that your cup is overflowing with blessings. Gratitude enables you to perceive God more clearly and to rejoice in our Love-relationship. Nothing can separate you from Gods loving presence! ([Romans 8: 38-39](#)) That is the basis or your security. Whenever you start to feel anxious, remind yourself that your security rests in God alone, and He is totally trustworthy. You will never be in control of your life circumstances, but you can relax and trust in God's control. Instead of striving for a predictable, safe lifestyle, seek to know God in greater depth and breadth. He longs to make your life a glorious adventure, but we must stop clinging to old ways. God is always doing something new within His beloved ones.

Let God show us His way for us this day. He guides us continually, so we can relax and enjoy His Presence in the present. Living well is both a discipline and an art. Concentrate on staying close to God, the divine Artist. Discipline our thoughts to trust God as He works His ways in our lives. Pray about everything; then, leave outcomes up to God. Do not fear His will, for through it He accomplishes what is best for us. Take a deep breath and dive into the depths of absolute trust in God.

I would like to thank everyone of our FLMI family members for your continued prayers and support of this Lord lead ministry. It has been a truly a blessing to work with The FLMI board and our staff & reps on the mission field in Latvia. I also would like to introduce to everyone our new Vice President Rob Gray May Gods hand be laid upon him as he has accepted the position.

In Christ & His Glory and Honor,

II Timothy 1:7

Steve and Cindy Jameson