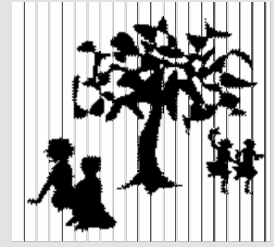


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Dr. Marite Tisa

Letter From Latvia

Dear Brothers and Sisters of FLMI Family,

God is the Only Real Help we can turn to when we have real problems and He is faithful. Matthew 18:19 says: "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven" (NIV). Let's take this promise, ask for prayer support of other Christians and continue praying.

FLMI in Latvia continues to serve with Soup Kitchens in Kandava and Talsi.

There was annual Christmas meeting in Kandava organized by Zigrida that brought together soup kitchen participants who were able to walk and FLMI supported sick children families. It was a blessed moment together with God's Word, speeches from local pastors, worship time with music group and prayers. Everyone received a full meal on that day and was reminded how much God loves them; children were happy for their sweet packages.

This time we had Dzintra and Eunika from Christian authors' group taking part in celebration. It was also a first time when Soup Kitchen participants were blessing others with what they were able which was not a lot, but the main was tension of the hearts - Tabita with the group of other Christians were planning to go to a mission trip to North Russia to





share gospel, do music, minister in local soup kitchens, although it is not allowed so easy to share God's Word in Russia as it is in Latvia now.

So, there was a donation of knitted socks, mittens, sweets which later was gladly received from people in Russia and some money towards road expenses. That mission trip was blessed by God and gave many opportunities to talk with people; sometimes there were even situations of road accidents which also turned out as opportunities to witness to



some people about God's love and Jesus as their personal Savior.

It was very special to hear how the supported sick children are doing, striving one day at a time, encountering many hardships and uncertainty. Here we see Artis with his family, there are many health issues they struggle with; Rodrigo who is healed from cancer in his eye; Marta together with her parents and Niks on the left. We need to pray for them; some families are attacked by enemy who uses addictions for breaking a family.



Gita with her family continue to minister in village Ciruli; they lead Bible studies and open church services where people who come from village can freely ask questions and request prayer support. They also come together on



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Saturdays to make a soup for fellowship after Sunday service which actually turn in to prayer meeting. They need to deal with people with addictions, depressions and severe family problems. Gita also visits families who are lacking practical resources giving out humanitarian help, but even more important – sharing gospel and need for Jesus as the Savior.

Using opportunity to write projects to European Union funds by God’s grace they received funding for repairs of church building; now these rooms can serve as a place where they help children to do homework after the school and spend their free time usefully.



We look forward to summer also. Annual FLMI Latvia camp is planned for July 9 and 10th in Usma old folk school near the lake. Families with their sick children and FLMI members look forward to come together and receive strengthening from the Lord and fellowship. You are also sincerely welcome!

With love,
Marite



Steve and Cindy Jameson
Notes From Home

Dear FLMI Family in Christ,

It is hard to believe that three months of 2019 has passed by like the wind, as we have been going through our adjustment phase. I am reminded after reading Marite’s above article, that we don’t really see Gods bigger picture or His will for FLMI, with all the needs of the people and as to how we are serving our Lord Jesus. I would like to take us back to God’s word by looking at “Jesus feeding the 5000” in John 6:1-14.

There are 4 main lessons we can see in the feeding of the 5000 men or about 20,000 with women and children. This miracle teaches us that Christ uses inadequate people who surrender what they have to Him to meet the overwhelming needs of others.

1. People are needy: There was about 20,000 people in a remote place with many needing healing.
2. Christ’s followers by themselves are inadequate to meet people’s needs: The disciple’s solution to the feeding of the 5,000 was to send them away so they could buy food for themselves, as far as the disciples were concerned problem solved. Yet Jesus told them in Mark 6:37 “You give them something to

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eat”, it would have been great if Philip had responded like we should too, “Lord I’ve watched you perform dozens of miracles surely you can provide for their needs. But how often we throw up our hands and conclude that we can’t do something for the Lord, because we concentrate on what we consider our inadequate resources. So people are needy, but the Lord’s people are inadequate to meet those needs without Him.

3. Through Christ Jesus, He can meet people’s overwhelming needs. Christ is in control of every situation. Christ is more concerned for the needy people than we are. Christ is not limited by our inadequate resources. Christ doesn’t just barely meet the needs, He always provides a basketful of leftovers. Christ is sufficient not only for physical needs, but especially for spiritual needs.

4. Christ meets the needs of people through His inadequate people who yield inadequate resources to Him. Our Lord Jesus uses people to meet the needs of people. Jesus easily could have prayed and called down bread from heaven without involving anyone else but He used people, including a boy and his lunch, to meet the needs of other people. Jesus uses inadequate people to meet the needs of people. He used people who were painfully inadequate to meet this over whelming need. We can only give to others what we have first received from God ourselves, He will use the inadequate resources that we do have if we yield them to Him.

When Christ uses you to meet the needs of others, He always Bless’ the giver for

the trust that the giver has in our Lord for His Perfect will. When we yield to Him our inadequate abilities and gifts to use as He pleases, He will satisfy us with a full measure of Himself.

FLMI is here to serve the needs of our fellow brothers and sisters along with taking our Saviors’ word of life to the lost, as we looked at the feeding of the 5,000 we see that there is more needs with which we are meeting with our Lords blessing. I thank you for your continued prayers and support for this God lead ministry.

Thoughts to Challenge us:

- 1) He wants us to see that we all have a deeper need, we need to be reconciled to our Heavenly Father.
- 2) Are we satisfied with Jesus as our Living Bread?
- 3) If you know Him, He wants to use you to meet other’s needs.
- 4) What has the Lord given you to use for Him?

In Christ alone.
Steve & Cindy
II Timothy 1:7

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