

# Family Living Ministries International

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## Letter From Latvia

Dear Brothers and Sisters of FLMI Family,

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling (Psalm 91:9-10, King James Version). Praise the Lord! This is His promise. He is the only One we can rely on and He is trustful always. He helps and guards us from danger; we often even do not notice dangerous things He has saved us from.

Few days ago our family was going in a car to Riga, our capital. Suddenly on a three lane highway the car started to rotate in an incredible speed. It happened so fast, that the driver was not able even to react. But, there was no cars close around and our car finally just hit the road barrier and stopped. God showed that His hand is over us.



I would like to share about FLMI activities and how we help people around us. We were very happy that Rob Gray came to Latvia for three weeks and we could minister together. Aija Makevica's, FLMI, heart is for ministering to women. On Saturdays she organizes prayer meetings where in a small circle people can share their life stories and problems. Everyone is listened to and every need is brought to the Lord in prayers.



On Sundays, once a month, Marite, FLMI, invites together everyone who has a burden on his heart about his children, grandchildren, and other children. People share their lives and hurts. Almost nothing else can make a person feel more of a failure if there are serious problems with children. People share also what God does in their lives and we celebrate answered prayers, but often we need encouragement not to give up and continue to pray even if the results are not seen in years. We keep the needs on prayer hands also during the month until we meet again.

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Zaiga of FLMI is ministering to people in needs in Talsi Soup Kitchen. This is not only giving people the soup and bread, but reading the Bible, singing and praying together. To those who are weak, the soup is brought at their homes. Zaiga always has encouragement for everyone, she helps also with her medical knowledge and sees who else might need a help in our neighborhood.

FLMI member Sarmite is the spiritual leader in Talsi Soup Kitchen, Ingrida serves in the kitchen, but Andrejs and Eunika mostly are drivers. We did a lot of home visits together with Rob and brought to people also an extra food package with basic food items; there was also enough of time to talk with everyone and pray together for the needs trusting everything to our Lord. Zaiga also serves in Retired people's Day center, checking blood pressure and blood glucose levels, often using her own test strips for



that. Many people has discovered with diabetes by her and sent to the doctor.

Our dear Zigrida was all the time an outstanding leader of Kandava Soup Kitchen leading it with overflowing love for people and needed severity. She organized a festive lunch in January inviting all the participants and also families with FLMI supported sick children. During these years we have become as a family.



Zigrida has raised a new leader, Iveta who takes over her job. Rob, Iveta, Tabita, FLMI, and myself spent a couple of full days going from home to home and meeting people, couples and families, getting to know their life stories, listening empathicly and asking for their prayer needs. There were people who feel very alone, even they have children, but they are away abroad working. Some are despaired because their sons are alcoholics, some have lost their children. We prayed with everyone and people had tires and were touched by God.

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Iveta expressed her gratitude for opportunity to learn during these days communication skills and spiritual care for people. We are very thankful to Iveta because she cared for Zigrida daily in her severe sickness. In January we had the Lord's Supper together at her flat with Pastor Ugis.

Rob used his professional knowledge to teach people in IT skills. He and Tabita, who also is an IT teacher, lead IT classes at Talsi Fellowship Church. Attendants had different requests – from how to use e-mail, Whatsapp and make Powerpoint presentations and editing in Photoshop, sheet music output straight from keyboard and programming. Some people were taught at their flats and exercised a possibility to improve communicate skills using internet, but some wanted to record and share how they give lessons in painting.



Rob has a gift to be a very good teacher. Creative, patient and prompt when needed. He got along very good also with children and teenagers leading a seminar on safety using internet in Ciruli, but in Sabile he was ministering to gypsy children along with Artā.

Rob was invited to schools and talked with students from grades 3 -11. He taught some good interesting websites, told about school system in the USA, about his church and the state, but most importantly he shared his testimony how God saved and healed him. Older students were interested in political questions and Rob's insights and goal setting using Star and SMART models.

Rob was also sharing at women's meeting and churches. His testimonies became longer and he also shared about different possibilities how the church can minister in local society encouraging church members.

A lot of time Rob spent with Klavs and Liga, our FLMI supported youth, helping Liga's mother to push Liga around in her wheelchair and having interesting conversations with Klavs who is not able to leave his bed because of sickness.

We are thankful to God for all the opportunities He has allowed us to take part sharing His Kingdom. We thank to each one of you who have helped with prayers and financial recourses. Let's keep trusting in Him. He knows everything that happens and He has a solution.

With love,  
Marite



Steve and Cindy Jameson

## Notes From Home

Dear FLMI Family,

As we look back on these last three months, there has been many things happening that can make us sit back and ponder? What is happening in our country and our world? As I was thinking about everything, I started to wonder, is God allowing us the time to learn some things?

Because of our society, and with all the technology and busyness we have going on in our lives, in many ways we have lost touch with each other, our friends and our families. But because of what is happening in our world we are being told to stay home, we are actually spending more quality time with those close to us.

But through all of the challenging times that we are facing as individuals and as citizens of this world is the promises that God has given us. As stated in scripture – Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your own ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight”.

This has always been a scripture that I have leaned on during times of trials and struggles. It helps to remind me that God is there, he is watching over us and protecting us. That we may not understand what is happening and how we are going to get through it, we have the hope and knowledge that he already knows, we just need to lean on him. Additionally, God gives us the promise, Hebrews 13:5b, “...God said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

So, during these challenges we each need to ask ourselves, who are we truly relying on to get us through the struggles, God or ourselves? As stated in Isaiah 41:10, “So do not fear, for I am with

you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand.” God is there, he is just waiting for you to bring your struggles to him, he already knows your needs, God is our shelter in times of storms.

God is our stronghold, we just need to daily go to him in prayer, asking for him to give us the strength, wisdom, and peace to get through each and every day, God is faithful, and powerful. By laying our prayers at God’s feet, he promises us in Matthew 11:28, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

So in closing I just want to give praise to our Lord, for Rob’s safety and outreach during his trip in January.

We want to say thank you for all of your prayers for our sister in Christ, Zigrida, who on March 18th went to be with our Lord and Savior, and to say thanks for how she touched each of our lives.

Daily the Lord brings people into our lives to teach us, guide us, and gives each of the opportunity to help others. So, let us join together in prayer and outreach, to continue to share the love of our Lord, and watch his hand at work in all things.

His Glory and Honor,  
Steve and Cindy Jameson  
II Timothy 1:7

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