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Letter From Latvia

Dear Brothers and Sisters in FLMI Family,

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid,” John 14:27. Today we all need these Jesus’ words be living in our hearts. Fear comes from different sides, unexpected things happen, but we should remind ourselves that “greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world”, 1 John 4:4. Donald Clary’s favorite Bible verse which he always wrote if someone wanted his autograph in some of his books was: “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind,” 2 Timothy 1:7.

I would like to share some things FLMI Team is doing here in Latvia. Andrejs is an active member of The Gideons Association and often is offering Bibles to the people so they can get to know God’s Word. He did it in schools and hotels, which is not a possibility now because of Covid restrictions, but now it is done mostly just meeting people on streets. The other person who has on her heart to share God’s Word by distributing Bibles is Elma. She is a street evangelist and talks with everyone about Jesus. “Do you know Jesus?” she is



asking to the people in hospital (doctors, too), in the shop, at the garbage tins and those just passing on streets. And she is so loving and sweet that people like to talk with her. Some want to pray with her and when they meet accidentally again, they share how it has changed their lives.

Talsi Soup Kitchen has stopped to have soup and bread in the church promise because of the restrictions, but we have found a way of helping by buying gift cards from grocery shop and giving them out to soup kitchen participants when visiting them at home. Then we also get to know how they are doing, we can share and pray.



Kandava Soup Kitchen is distributing soup each working day. These are mostly families with many children and seniors without relatives who come to the kitchen. Once a week Iveta takes soup to the homes of the people who are old, sick and lonely and are not able to come to the kitchen themselves. Iveta is also taking care daily of several old and loney people - heating their little flats with wood, preparing food, helping with hygiene and being their friend.

Inguna is continuing ministry in Sabile which is very challenging. Because of pandemic, they have worked more with individual people whom God has brought to them and used them as instruments to bring hope and practical help. During summer they provided services each Sunday. They had even baptism in the river which flows through the town and it was a young man, 15, who made his covenant with the Lord. They also took care about the women with abusive husband; she was afraid of him and did not dare to change anything in her life. People in Sabile ridiculed her and was calling her bad names, nobody would believe that her life can change. But Inguna helped, prayed and put her in God's hands. The women even got diagnosis of cancer. Later she met a Christian relative who gave her a chance to go away from abusive husband where she started to attend home group, started to care for herself, studied God's Word and in October was baptized. They are so happy and thankful for answered prayers. There is one more saved soul.



Inguna continues with soup kitchen ministry and second hand clothing, too. They are thankful to God that they have also food themselves. Because of restrictions her husband Artis has gone to work



abroad now; he hopes also to earn some money for restoration of the place where they used to hold services during summers. Their son Artis is growing bigger and it is harder to lift him up in his wheelchair and to get to the church, rehabilitation or day center. They have a vision to live in Sabile (they drive to Sabile to minister from Kandava where all the six people live in two small rooms) and to restore a place for the church and themselves. Their prayer requests are to pray for their family and that the church and they can have a place where to be in Sabile; to pray for these dear people to whom they already minister in Sabile and that more people would respond to the Gospel; that they can be useful instruments in God's hands; for wisdom, opened doors and

finances.

Gita is ministering several times already in the Alfa course which is done as distant sessions; she is a group leader. There is more as a year passed from the previous course, but they still meet under Gita's leadership, share, pray and encourage each other as new Christians. She invites ladies at her little flat and they share and pray while making a soup together - soup workshops. She and her husband Janis also visit poor families and bring them needed medicines, talk and pray with them. She also makes a charity project to get food packages and then distribute it to the poor families. They also use every opportunity to teach children in God's Word. When it was not possible she arranged Zoom meetings for children and different quizzes using Facebook.



Our FLMI Team member Eunika is getting better after recovering from cancer. Praise the Lord! But Aija Makevica is still very week after myocardial infarction and pleuritis; she is part time on oxygen now. Another prayer request is for Ance, a sick orphan girl who was adopted and FLMI was helping her family, but both of her adoptive parents died recently and Ance was put in a mental hospital (although it was a plan that a daughter of her adoptive parents would take care of her). We cannot reach her anymore and are praying that God would take her out of the hospital and would give her a new Christian family.

We are so glad to hear that Rob is planning to come to Latvia again. May God open the doors for him again as He did it previous times and bless his ministry time here. Please, pray for peace in this region that people can have liberty from war and oppression. We thank you for your prayers and support.

With love, Marite



Greetings brothers and sisters

Dear FLMI,

Greetings to all of Staff, Representatives and supporters,

We want to wish you all blessed greetings, we are now almost 3 months into this new year. As things continue to change and evolve in this world, and all of the uncertainties that we continue to face, we would like to say Thanks for all the hard work and support that have been given to this ministry in support of sharing God's love with all.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11. So let's continue to encourage and support each other in all kinds of ways, whether that is through fellowship in the same room, or through prayer and messages to each other halfway around the world. We are all continuing to face a variety of challenges, so let us continue being creative in finding new ways to support and encourage all that we come into contact with, being witnesses for our Heavenly Father.

As we are told in Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." So in spite of the challenges that we all have faced during the last couple of years, we are finding new and creative ways to support, encourage, and minister to all that we come into contact with. So instead of letting fear and discouragement surround you, daily take all things to our Lord in prayer, and he will guide you, and open the doors accordingly, so that you can be a light for Him in this dark world. Psalm 27:1, "The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid."

So, thank you again to each of you for all that you do for our Lord, let's continue to look forward with joy and expectation rather than fear to what tomorrow may hold, let each of us find ways to be a light and witness for our Heavenly Father.

In Christ & His Glory and Honor,

Steve and Cindy Jameson

II Timothy 1:7