

# Family Living Ministries International

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Dr. Marite Tisa

## Letter From Latvia

Dear Brothers and Sisters of FLMI Family,

Before the beginning of a New Year we sometimes wonder what it will bring for us because we do not know. But we know for sure that God will not forsake us. He will be with us in every moment in the next year. Let's not move away from Him, but try to grow deeper in our Lord.

In October, Kandava Soup Kitchen looked back at its 10 years ministry to people in deep needs. Zigrida called together participants that receive soup and bread today to a festive lunch. Kandava city mayor expressed gratitude and acknowledgement for this voluntary service. Pastors who ministered in Kandava before 10 years remembered together with Zigrida how it all begun.

It was 2009 and time of crisis when many lost their jobs. Church leaders were visiting sister church in Danmark and saw how soup kitchen operates thinking that they could start something like that in Kandava, too. But there was a need for a leader of this work and they were praying for that. At that time Zigrida for the first time heard the term "soup kitchen" on TV and was secretly talking to God about the need for that in Kandava telling the needs of people.

Zigrida herself lost her mother in childhood and knew by personal experience what it meant not to have food.

Seeing Zigrida's gift of ministering pastors invited her to lead the soup kitchen and she agreed instantly to do it for a few months, but did not see herself yet in this picture. She was only wondering why pastors were not surprised about her agreement. So God brought everything together. Pastor Ugis reminded us that God cannot use us while we are arrogant and self-sufficient. When He shows us our place and we are humbled, He can use us.





Zigrida shared that learning about her severe diagnose she was ready to go Home. People are worried so much about their physical health, but little about health of soul, she said. To some people God trusts a lot, to some – little. We need to understand that we are not owners, but stewards, ready to pass God's love to others.



God is still allowing Zigrida to minister, but she is raising the person who will continue her job, Iveta. We thanked the cooks who work so long with Kandava soup kitchen for their trustful service.

Few days ago Zigrida and some of the soup kitchen attendants were attending a Christmas charity concert in Riga; a bus was provided by Kandava government.

A Christian authors performance lead by Dzintra had a theme "Light". It is easy for Christians to write poems or songs because it is not about us; all talents are from God. In hard times of life God gives songs. Hardships help to get closer to Him.

We cannot live without God's light. People who are in darkness, addictions, sin do not look nice, they have empty look in their eyes. When a person meets Jesus, he changes. You are the light of the world, says Jesus.



Gita is active in ministering in Ciruli – with local village people meeting them in their needs, with new mothers, children, youth, and women creating a trustful relationship that helps them to come to God. Harijs and Zita use their musical talent and minister in churches, including Ciruli Baptist church.

Gita is also continuing to help families with food organizing campaigns when invite people to donate food and other items for poor people. Then she visits them and together with material help shares gospel.

Aija is active in women's ministry organizing regular women's meetings, prayer day and giving speeches. Zaiga is continuing with the soup kitchen in Talsi. She is also doing home visits bringing soup and bread



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and checking people's health situation using her knowledge as a nurse.

Marite is leading a prayer group "Prayers for Children" holding children of the group members and others in prayers.



We ask for prayers for Lote, a child with Dawn syndrome who is supported by FLMI. She is diagnosed with a stroke and is having a case of flu at the same time which slows down treatment; she is at the central children's hospital in Riga.

We happily look forward to arrival of Rob in Latvia in January. Zigrida has even moved the regular Christmas meeting of the Soup Kitchen participants to January. Rob is ready to serve with his gifts and help people to improve their skills to work with computers and smartphones. Not always our IT skills are where they should be and what today requirements demand.

We have different gifts and it is so great that we all can serve with what God has given to us.

Your life is God's gift to you, what you do with it is your gift to God...

Thank you for supporting FLMI ministry in Latvia!

With love, Marite



Steve and Cindy Jameson

## Notes From Home

Our dear FLMI Family,

This edition of our fourth and last quarter Newsletter for 2019 is almost overpowering as it shares with you the commanding presence and widespread activities of the ministry of Family Living Ministries International in Latvia.

It is only because of your prayerful support and being our partners, laboring together, that we are able to engage in and see the results and accomplish the undertakings that our Lord Jesus Christ has empowered FLMI to address.

We are praying together, that 2020 will see an increase in those we strive to serve. All of which is being surrounded in prayer, that is now and always has been, the cornerstone of entering through the open doorways, wherein He has challenged us.

We understand clearly, these things are virtually impossible without the necessary support and His implicit leading.

We sometimes wonder if we are adequately conveying to each of you, how deeply grateful we are for your support in the past and the need for that support to continue in the future.

We give our Lord the glory for Marite and our FLMI Latvian Staff and Reps coordi

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nating hands-on activities in a variety of ministries in which FLMI is involved, including the Soup Kitchens and Medical Supply Projects, as well as serving some of the communities where we present the Gospel in a wide variety of inventive ways. All of the activities are well organized and leaves each participant with a life-changing experience.

As we read in Marite's article, the many ministry activities that our team is continuing to do while being touched by our Lord Jesus while reaching out to the lost here in this world today.

We thank our Father God for His leading, strength and His peace for He has given the greatest gift this world has ever received. The birth of His Son Jesus with His saving grace for all mankind, as FLMI continues to look to our Saviors' leading, we know that He is holding us in His precise loving hands.

May the Fathers' army of angels surround all our families, may His heavenly peace be felt as we look forward to the upcoming new year and giving thanks for 2019.

Please be praying that FLMI may continue serving the Latvian mission field well, through our leaders and personnel there, and that we will understand the clear direction of our Lord, as we continue to purposefully serve Him, so that He will receive honor and glory and that a large host of new people will come to know Him as their Lord and Savior and also that those whom are even now being shepherded and strengthened, will continue to grow and come into His service.

And lastly, for this edition of the Newsletter, thank you so very much for your prayers and support. We never take it for granted and work hard to be transparent to you, which is the primary reason for this publication. And we're excited to continue serving with you as we enter a New Year.

On behalf of the FLMI Board of Directors,  
your servants in Christ alone,

Steve and Cindy Jameson

II Timothy 1:7



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