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Letter

From

Latvia

Dear Brothers and Sisters in FLMI Family,

But the angel said to them: “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people”. Luke 2:10

If you long for the joy that permeates all situations of life, you must spend time near the Lord. If you are desperate for the joy that surpasses all distressing situations, you must choose to abide in His presence. How do you do it? In fact, it's not that difficult at all. Make it your priority to read the Bible every day. Maybe play a praise song and sing along. If you are brave enough and very desperate, choose to raise your hands as a sign of surrender while singing. Another exciting option is to spend time alone in prayer every day: just you and Jesus. Close the bedroom door, kneel by the bed and spend time in personal conversation with the One who knows you best and loves you the most. When you get up and walk out of the bedroom to face the world... you won't do it alone. You will have a new best friend who will accompany you throughout the day. What is this friend's name? You can call it simply... JOY!

FLMI tries to serve in Latvia with joy in our hearts. That's not always



easy, but we ask help from God and remember that the Joy of the Lord is our strength. Very active is Gita with her family who supports



poor families with the food three times a week –in some months they have helped even 92 families, including people from Ukraina; she collaborates with a grocery shop in Talsi which donates food items close to expiration date. They have helped also with clothing, shoes, children beds, pillows, blankets, sheets, Children Bibles and other things like gas stove, that come as second hand items. Humanitarian aid items they receive from a local charity organization. But lately, people bring a lot of their clothes and shoes to the church so kind of a self-help movement is emerging. People do it willingly and feel good as givers, not just as receivers.

By FLMI support, they help with medicines to different people who cannot afford it themselves, too. Or they help with moving from one living place to the other.

Gita is collaborating with Food Bank, the food program run by the Samaritans Association of Latvia, who help needy residents by handing out food packages. They create their content mostly from food products donated by producers, processors and traders.

Other ministry area is children camps; they have several camps during summer. One of them had a title “There is only one God”, the other “The Biggest Gift” and each had about 30 participants, half of them were staying overnight in the church premise (they have a renewed church, but there is still no running water nor indoor restrooms). They organized also 6 days Summer Bible School. There is even some local municipality social service that asks Gita to take in children from their socially disadvantage families – they are highly appreciated in local communities. Ciruli county council administration nominated Ciruli church as the most active organization, which means that the local government also appreciates its activities and the importance of what they do in society.

During Midsummer fest which is a big thing in Latvia when people mostly follow different pagan rituals and get drunk and then accidents and traumas happen, Gita organized an opened evening at Ciruli Baptist church with fellowship, conversations and prayers.



Gita is also very good with consulting people; mostly she encounters family problems, relationships between spouses, but also helps to deal with the hard situation after the family member has done a suicide meeting with the family on regular bases. They help also families from Ukraine. God just brings many people in their way to whom she together with her family and friends can minister. They are in Ciruli church several times in each week. People come to their little church when they are in needs and problems. Many of those who have



received help, stay with the congregation and continue to grow.

They also make soup and other simple food to feed people in need, especially children. They have a soup after the service so people are fed also to their bodies. Local people with alcohol addiction also come and sit at the table, eat soup and Janis sings for them Christian songs and they read God's Word. Sometimes Gita makes soup in her tiny flat where there is a place for everyone; some ladies come together, have a Bible study and prayers while the soup is getting ready. They help also a family who has received in their home refugees from Ukraina.

It is good to see that people to whom FLMI has helped financially, now help others. So, parents of FLMI supported Marta with CP work together with Gita and her family and help people in Kandava.

FLMI members like Gita and Aija Valgelina take part in Alfa course as group leaders; they continue to follow their group members' growth even after the course is finished by meeting on Zoom platform and even organizing a meeting in Ciruli church for the people in their Alfa group who come from different parts of Latvia. Gita and Janis invite parents whom they know and join together Mathew Baptist church parents' evenings on Zoom; after it there are always valuable discussions and prayers.

Not so good news is that Soup Kitchen in Kandava was forced to decrease their help to poor and needy people because there were not enough funds. Now instead of giving out a bowl of soup and some bread daily, it is brought to the very sick and weak people once a week to their homes and people who are able to walk come three times a week to take soup away in their jars. Also the amount of people who can receive this help is decreased.

We are thankful for your support – both financially and prayers. It is very important and we appreciate it.

We wish you merry Christmas and God's blessed New Year!

With love, Marite





Greetings brothers and sisters

Greetings to all our FLMI Family, Prayer Warriors & Supporters of our Lord lead ministry.

2 Corinthians 2:15 – “For we are to God the pleasing aroma of CHRIST among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.”

As Marite mentioned in her article, these last couple of years has been a challenge for all of us, Individually and as a ministry. Our desire and goal as a ministry, is to reach out and serve those in need.

We are so blessed to be serving our Lord in this ministry with love for the lost, those that are hurting & encouraging our team as we trust in our Heavenly Father’s promises. It is hard to write or comment after Marite’s inspiring article as to how they, with our help, and God’s blessing, we continue to serve their citizens of Latvia & those due to situation in this world taking refuge in Latvia. FLMI has been serving those in Latvia since 1993. Even though there has been times when it was a struggle, but we have been so blessed through all of these many years sharing Christ & Gods love, making His heavenly family larger by the many brothers and sister that have been touched by our Savior using this dedicated ministry.

I know that during these last 3 years with the challenges in this world, we need to totally rely on Jehovah-Jireh (God will Provide). The need and demands that we have to meet is now greater than ever, and with this our need for support is also greater now than ever before. As we have completed 2022, we are more determined to try to meet these needs. Not being a big mega ministry, and having no paid staff, we serve our Lord by contributions and love offerings. We pray for our Lords ministry to continue to be blessed as we serve Him.

Please join us in prayer: That Family living ministry Int. will continue to flourish in service to our Lord Jesus and that we may grow in prayer warriors, supporters and servants, who is willing to obey the desires of serving our Savior. Dear Lord, we lift up our brothers and sisters, the lost that are still being reached. We ask for your glorious blessing of healing, protection and a heavenly peace/joy that can only come through you. I pray for a hedge of thorns to surround our children, our marriages/ families, and our homes. I ask in Jesus name for an army of His heavenly angels to surround his children, to keep Satan and his followers away as we keep our eyes lifted up to our Heavenly Father ABBA (daddy). Amen

Mark 11:24 “ Therefore I tell you whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

John 16:24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

In Christ & His Glory and Honor,

II Timothy 1:7

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