

# Family Living Ministries International

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*Letter from Latvia*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in FLMI Family*

Sincere greetings to you from Latvia, from FLMI members and Christ's Body here. Today I want to encourage you and me with the words from Proverbs 3: 5-6: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to



him, and he will make your paths straight." God is not asking us to be 100% perfect, but to be 100% submissive to Him. The Israelites in the wilderness died not because they were too weak, but because they did not trust the Lord. Even more, a severe warning is written in Jeremiah 17:5: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD." I wish that everyone of us would fit in the

category of people who fully trusts God and have a wonderful promise: "But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8.

Thanks to your prayers and financial support, Kandava Soup Kitchen is continuing to help people in need – many children families, old and lonely seniors, sick and poor people. This work is carried out each workday, but in the beginning of January the participants of the Soup Kitchen were invited to come together for a festive lunch, God's Word, worship and fellowship. There were seniors and children together, for a good moment enjoying the sunshine of God's love. People have changed



– a lot of old ones have gone to be with the Lord, new families in need have joined, but there are still some of the families with sick children, supported by FLMI – Marta, Rodrigo, Lote's and other families. We always miss Zigrida who is now with the Lord for several years, but Gunta (the first from the left in the 3<sup>rd</sup> row) is now diligently and thoughtfully leading the work of Kandava Soup Kitchen seeing that the people in most need receive the help and funds are wisely spent.



Also the Soup Kitchen in Talsi is working thanking the FLMI support; it is twice a week when people who can, come together in the church building for reading of God's Word, but to those who are not able to make such a distance, the soup is brought at their homes. These are

mostly old and lonely church members who have great hardships making a meal for themselves. People are very thankful and appreciate this help.

In the last Newsletter I wrote about Artis, the father of Artis junior with CP, who has become a preacher and organized a Baptist Song Day in Sabile town in summer. He with his family works with a Soup Kitchen in Sabile,



supported by FLMI, ministering to the local people. God provided a place for them to start

a new church - old shop premises with two rooms and rotten walls due to water leakage. He with helpers worked very diligently and last Christmas a new church had its first service there. At midnight before there was still a huge pile of debris in the middle of the main



room, but the next morning chairs were brought and the stove tried to warm up both rooms. There is still a lot of work to do, but people already has a place to meet to hear God's Word, to get to know the Savior and

worship Him. Tabita and Kaspars led the worship, but Artis was preaching and telling how God miraculously was leading to the opening of this place.



Gita and Janis continue work with different people groups – it is Late Breakfast for Moms, Tea Time group Meetings, meetings with women who have diagnosed cancer, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, addictions and some have children with special needs. Each week they visit families with poor material situation and bring some food to them; each time it includes also conversations, counselling and prayers. They continue also with premarital counselling, support new Christians and lead a prayer group. They continue to visit families with children with special needs whom we meet in



Usma. They also lead a campaign "For a fed-up Latvia" standing in a grocery shop and inviting customers to purchase some food for those who are in need for it, but cannot afford it. There is also ideas about children activities during coming summer and, of course, meeting in Usma. This year it will be unusually early – last May and the 1 st June since we look forward to the missions team from USA.



May God grant us the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and Christ's Peace. With love, Marite

# *Greeting Brothers and Sisters,*



## *Dear FLMI*

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.”***

Greetings brothers and sisters of our Lords growing family. Your prayers and financial support of this Lord lead ministry are such a great blessing to each one being touched for our Lord Jesus. Marite has shared some very solid wisdom from God’s word. We as God’s royal children are co-heirs (Romans 8:17) Now if we are children, then we are heirs –heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. We are to put our whole trust in our Lord and Savior and not in man, this is what the great deceiver Satan has been trying to do since his fall to have followers of God to turn to him. He is a distractor and a destroyer to Gods children if we are willing to be deceived taking our eyes off the Lord. God has given FLMI a great team that loves Jesus with the heart of love for the lost, needy, the lonely, widowed, and single parents trying to take care of their family when the spouse abandon them.

We can look back when FLMI started in 1993 to how the Lord has touched lives across Latvia. Our staff and representatives along with the board of directors has put their trust and faith in Christ first in their lives. We share just a part of the lives that are being touched/encouraged & saved through the sharing and caring of God’s word and those that have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Lives are being changed in the name of our Lord. The Lord has put it on my heart to say, after looking back from the time I first went on the mission field till today just how our team has grown in His service. I have spent time over the years with the team and continuing to grow in Latvia and they have the heart to serve our Savior to the lost and hurting but very little is shared about the lives and families of our team. Many are widowed, single parents or grandmas taking care of their grandchildren for one reason or another, living on very little just getting by with the added responsibility or family members battling cancer/ illness they have the heart given by God to serve His children. They not only trust the Lord for healing, protection, providing and His strength he is also their Joy to encourage others to lean solely on Jesus.

We talk about the FLMI team both in the U.S.A./ Latvia as family, but we want to also say that you and your families are very much part of this larger God lead family, your prayers and financial support is truly a blessing to each life being touched by you. We are in continued prayer of thanks for you and your family as we work together to seek and share Christ as they come to a personal saving relationship by accepting Him as their Lord and Savior. We each are commanded to take the gospel into the world, some are missionaries and others are prayer warrior along with financial supporters to those that “GO”. The FLMI team humbly ask please share with those your paths crosses’ and meet throughout your day, week, month what the Lord is doing through His children in Latvia lives are truly being touched and changed for our Savior and my God get the Glory as we move forward with your support to reach more for HIM. The fields are ripe for the harvest as we bring Christ to the Lost.

In Christ & His Glory and Honor,

II Timothy 1:7

Steve and Cindy Jameson