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## *Dr. Marite Tisa* *Letter from Latvia*

### *Dear Brothers and Sisters in FLMI Family*

Praise to the Lord for His leading and blessings! We have finished three-week mission's activities in Latvia. It was so good that Steve was here and also our friend missionary Daniel; we were missing though Steve's wife Cindy. We started in a big school first with the 1<sup>st</sup> graders who learn English and were so excited trying to put together their questions about USA and Steve personally and then the 12<sup>th</sup> graders - so we saw the difference in students' English skills. I was also organizing an event for the whole school – about 600 hundred students - where many professionals came to cover the topic Safety from different aspects. Steve was talking about safe traveling and answering different questions.

This year, Usma event happened unusually early - on the last day of May and 1<sup>st</sup> June since Steve and Daniel were here. It was sad that some of our special children had surgery or parents were sick right at this time, but we had some new families with very complicated history and severe illness. Children were very hungry for love



and expressed it. The whole Usma event was permeated with joy, love and care for each other. Tabita and Kaspars led us in worship at opening ceremony, in the church service, at the fire and the morning devotion time; we prayed openly before meals, in lectures, when encountered problems and when helped people to accept Jesus as the Savior and the Lord in their hearts. This time participants divided themselves in three groups – teenagers, men, and mothers with little children and had a time with a speech given by Steve, Daniel, Harijs and discussions. We still have our flag and hymn of the Usma event, and FLMI members



are “angels” to the children (that means they take care of this or these specific children helping parents to rest and enjoy the program and surroundings) and actually they are angels to us, too; love goes both ways. For the nourishing meals and logging in the old school premises was caring Harina, the owner of the place. Our FLMI Santa who has special needs herself was leading a handcraft workshop where children were working with sand, training their motor skills, collaboration and having joy. We had a professional beekeeper who led a candle workshop telling about different kinds of honey and helping children to



make their unique wax candles which they were very proud to demonstrate. We had also a variety of sports activities set up by a sports teacher for different levels exercising teamwork. Then we were surprised by a huge hailstorm and thunder which made some of mothers to fall in a panic attack, this gave Steve an opportunity to pray and talk with the mother who was desperately hiding in a lonely, dark place hoping to find some safety there. A very special time was with a family where father was deaf and dumb, but mother could read from lips and translate for him in sign language. The mother gave her heart to Jesus after a longer conversation. It was such a joyful moment; also, the first time experience for me translating for people with severe hearing impairment. Thanks to the Holy Spirit who helped to translate and understand! Also FLMI team could meet with Steve, express their prayer requests and spend time in prayers for the special families in Usma, for their health, spiritual wellbeing and family complications (in some families some of the children even are taken out of the family and parents now strive to do all the best to get back the trust) – they need



a lot of strength and help from the Lord. We heard also some very uplifting stories from a family where a son who previously sat in the prison, now has gone to the church and was filled with the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord who makes everything, even the most hopeless situations, new! There were a lot of home visits where we met people, Soup Kitchen participants



and others, in Talsi, Kolka and Kandava. We visited Liga, who was so sick, that this year was not able to be in Usma event; also her brother is severely ill and mother’s heart is breaking. In our

meeting the brother opened his heart and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. Some of our FLMI supported youth are not able to go out, Klavs who is bedridden whole his life, as Estere who has mental problems. But her mother is healed from the 4<sup>th</sup> stage of cancer before 7 years. We were visiting our FLMI member Elma who cannot go out anymore, but is still our prayer warrior.

A special time was together with a 90 year old couple who have gone to the church whole their life, but did not know Jesus personally. They had problems with eyesight, with hearing and understanding and it was not easy for them to perceive the salvation message, but at least the wife prayed the sinner's prayer and invited Jesus in her heart. Steve visited and prayed for the lady who undergoes chemotherapy and fights cancer for long time, for a man who is in deep depression after his wife's death, for a lady who day and night takes care of her 98 old father and mother in law, for a couple who feel let down from a church leadership, for a mother with a child with special needs whose husband is falsely accused and is put in a prison, for a mother who has not heard for 3 years from her son who is in addictions; for families with many children with special needs, for a mother who has lost her son in a suicide and many others.



There are so many hardships and pain, but the only who can help is Jesus and also we if God teaches us how to be next to those who are in need. Steve anointed people with oil, prayed for their healing, protection and leading.



We visited also Artis who was out of the hospital after the surgery where he got a tube installed so he can be fed directly through the stomach. And we saw how much he enjoyed his first piece of a honey cake (of course, smashed with juice). His mother in her valley of pain was able even to witness for another mother in a hospital who was asking how she could believe in God if her son is so ill. Then Artis mother answered that she would not be able to endure that without God and shared with her about

Christ. We met our long lasting friends Skaidrite and Lasma. Skaidrite fights a cancer, but her daughter with CP now will turn 35. There people are strong and have endurance in Christ.

Steve was also together with a whole class of 9<sup>th</sup> graders who were staying overnight at a small seaside church together with their Christian class teacher and had different activities including climbing a tower in reservation and discussion time on Christian family values with Steve.



This is not even all God allowed us to be part of this time. It is so good to be in a flow of His will and work. But it would not be possible without your prayer and financial support. Some strongholds of the enemy still were not broken down, so we need to continue our spiritual warfare.

With love, Marite



## *Greeting Brothers and Sisters, Dear FLMI*

Greetings to all brothers and sisters in our Lords family.

***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.”***

I know that when we return from the mission field or share what God is doing in Latvia with FLMI through the newsletter it can be hard to share it all unless you have been on the mission field yourself. There are a lot of early mornings and late nights with sometimes little sleep. On the mission field there are many highs and lows while serving, as you read Marite’s article to which I would not change a thing in service for my Lord for we all lead by Him as He make our paths cross many people lives that know Him or just getting to start their lives in obedience to the Savior. We/churches say we follow Gods word, the Bible then why is it that a lot are not doing. James 5:14-15, “Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven”. Why do we put God in a box, He is still doing miracles for His word does not come back void.

I was asked how the mission trip went, after sharing they said it sounds like a spiritual battle to which looking back Satan is trying to take our eyes off our Heavenly Father to be looking to him. The Holy Spirit lead me to ask this one question to believers and non-believers, Rate yourself between 1 and 10 “what is your value and worth you feel or think you are”? I know what non-believers would say but what broke my heart is that some long-time believers said that their value and worth was “0” and was in tears when they shared. We need to stop listening to the world for we are so valuable, if our Heavenly Father gave His one and only Son to die on the cross for the world’s sins, let’s make it more personnel He died for me. Paying my ransom and redeeming from the fires of hell then just how truly valuable are each and every believer and the lost. As we step back thinking about the mission of FLMI, its to serve/obey our Lord Jesus by doing it in many ways, uplifting and encouraging our fellow brothers and sister, widows, orphans, medical supported children, the sick & sharing the saving grace of our Lord to the lost and let Him touch their hearts to except His Son Jesus, feeding the hungry, praying/anointing, helping to mend marriages and families. Helping those in depression going though loss of a child/spouse. Realizing that it has been 28 years that I have been going to Latvia and this ministry for over 30 years it is only by Gods leading and blessing that the ministry is continuing to serve in Latvia to His children. He has also blessed us with each one of you and your families with prayers and financial support. The harvest is ripe, but the workers are few, may God give each one of you His strength and good health for He is our protector, provider, our healer. You are so very valuable to our Heavenly Father and His ministries for we are of one body the church united in Christ to take the Gospel to the world. May God being someone across your path today that needs to be encouraged, hear of Christ or maybe they just need to know that someone sees them as Gods child and see a smile or a kind word.

In Christ & His Glory and Honor,

II Timothy 1:7

Steve and Cindy Jameson