

Family Living Ministries International

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Letter from Latvia

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in
FLMI Family*

We send sincere greetings to you in this Christmas time when we remember the birth of Jesus on this earth and look forward to His second coming as the King of Kings. Praise God for His mercy that “all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God” (John 1:12 KJV). What can be a safer position in this world today as to be a God’s child? When a person's spirit is reconciled with God, it is salvation; when a person's soul is reconciled with God, it is deliverance; when a person's body is reconciled with God, it is healing. Some time ago I wanted to find and read Scriptures about joy and discovered that Jesus Himself is the Joy. What a treasure is Christmas event!

Praise the Lord that He allows FLMI to work in Latvia. Our main ways how we minister to people with your financial and prayer support is soup kitchens in several places – Kandava, Talsi, Sabile and Ciruli. Other thing is support to children and youth with special needs – cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, cancer, mental retardation, epilepsy and others which includes the wonderful Usma events in summers when our FLMI American Team joins us. Please, be welcome to come and see it for yourself, take part in this ministry – it will give a special experience and spiritual reward to you. We have had a lot of teams

coming from USA earlier, but not lately. There is also work with children in a form of camps in summer and school holidays; counseling families and individuals before marriage and during different problems; leading support groups for women who are in critical periods of life as fighting cancer and other severe sickness for several years; practical help with food and clothing which involves collaboration with grocery shops, organizations and fellow people (sometimes it includes even giving a place where to stay in your own flat for people who do not have where to stay); leading Bible studies; doing music and worship ministry; holding a prayer support and other things.

One of the most active FLMI Latvia Team member is Gita Vadone. Her work is also



recognized from local government and recently we were able to read about her work in our local newspaper. The Food Bank's donation campaign "For a Fed Latvia" has been running for 15 years. This time the traditional food parcel filling campaign took place in 57 stores across Latvia. 65 food parcels were filled in Talsi. Gita, together with volunteers, has been coordinating the food parcel donation campaign since 2016. She also helps with donations on a daily basis. Gita

says that there is currently a very high demand for help and donations. The question is how many people are able to help. The culture of the donors is also important. When spending a day in a supermarket, which is not an easy job, to approach people and invite them to donate, we do not always receive a nice attitude in return. We are happy for every product donated, whether it is a whole sack of flour, pasta or one bottle of oil. Most people like to participate in the campaign with their children; older people also donate. Compared to other years, there were not so many products this year, but we must take into account the rise in prices and inflation, which affects people's purchasing capacity. Donated products reach people for whom it is an important support in their daily lives. It is important for everyone to be well-fed, but food especially creates a sense of belonging for children. Sometimes families thank for providing them with food that they could not have afforded before. Gita and her assistants pack the packages and deliver them to the recipients themselves. However, many need help in the long term, so Gita's heart's work spreads wider. Together with her husband, they are loving parents to a big family and ministers in the church; the family is part of those people who work with Gita in collecting donations and then delivering them to people. This activity in

campaign is the visible part of her work; every day, together with volunteers, she collects household items, food, clothes and supports to encourage people and alleviate some of

their daily needs. Gita remembers a moment that remains vivid in her memory. One day, she and her husband were driving past a family's house and decided to visit the family with a food package. They hadn't asked for it, but she knew that the family had many children. They had a feeling that it would be useful for them. When the mother saw the box full of products, she said that their son would now be able to



go to the class excursion with other classmates. It was so important that the family was able to afford to send their child on an excursion.

It is a great joy to see how people who earlier were supported by FLMI now are actively involved in ministry themselves. Artis, the father of little Artis with CP has founded a church in Sabile and is a leader and preacher there. God miraculously provided a place for the church which Artis himself



with helpers repaired (there is still a work to do). And he ministers to the locals who are not so easy to approach by Soup Kitchen, being a soccer coach for young boys, involving in community life and prayers. There is a collaboration with other FLMI Latvia Team members who participate in services with worship music.

We are thankful for God's blessings and that we can be His collaborators. We are thankful that He gives us opportunities and strength to carry out His work. Thank you for support!

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.”

Greetings,

Family Living Ministry board, our staff/ reps serving in Latvia pray that you and your families had a blessed time celebrating our Lords birth. We pray that God will bless each one of you and this Lord lead ministry in this year of our Lord 2025. The article from Marite in Latvia is such a blessing as our Latvian director how she shares her heart and uplifts/ encourages every member of FLMI that serves Jesus to the lost and believers that need uplifting and encouragement. I must thank our Abba Father & our Savior Jesus for assembling such a wonderful Christ loving team, which also includes each one of you.

This is called Teamwork:

John 4:37-38) 37 You know the saying, ‘One plants and another harvests.’ And it’s true. 38 I sent you to harvest where you didn’t plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest.”

One of the most wonderful experiences of being a follower of Jesus is God-orchestrated teamwork. It’s big and stretches across countries, cultures and world governments. Like a large harvester with thousands of parts and gears, God drives the lives of His children in this big task.

You don’t fully realize the immensity of it and how God uses you in it. You are an important part of this team. It doesn’t matter how great your role is – you’re important and God is the driver. That’s the whole point: One part is not more important than another. The whole team is important, and God above all. We can say Thank you, Father that we can share in something so great.

We have Gifts to give:

1 Cor 12:7: When you place your trust in Christ, he places his spirit in you. And when the Spirit comes, he brings gifts, housewarming gifts of sorts. “A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church”.

Remember, God prepacked you with strengths. When you become a child of God, the Holy Spirit requisitions your abilities for the expansion of God’s kingdom, and they become spiritual gifts. The Holy Spirit may add other gifts according to his plan. But no one is gift deprived. If lonely? God is with you.

If depleted? He funds the overdrawn. Weary of an ordinary existence? Your spiritual adventure awaits.

The cure for the common life begins and ends with God. As servants of Christ noting we do in service for Him is common. Each one since FLMI started in 1993 have used our gifts (financial, praying, traveling to the mission field which is also right outside our home and sometimes to our family’s. We ask that you continue to be a part of FLMI and share all the work being done to spread the gospel light to the many lost souls. The harvest is great, but the workers are few, we are all part of one body and your prayers & financial support are a great blessing to further the sharing of our Redeemer/ Savior. May God bless you in this year of our Lord 2025.

Love of Christ.

In Christ & His Glory and Honor,

II Timothy 1:7

Steve and Cindy Jameson