

Hello from Latvia, where the last of the gorgeous leaves are falling.....

I have had numerous leave raking marathons the last few weeks, and looks at least one more to come. Overall, I have been well, though am recovering from a short, but nasty stomach virus over the weekend. Feel a bit weak and woozy today....but definitely an improvement from yesterday. Havent been hit like that in years.....

My place has really operated as a bed and breakfast (and lunch and dinner), the past few months! Recently, in one week, went 5 times to the airport.....!!!! But this is not about me being a taxi driver or running a hotel.... Its been great to connect, network and be a gateway for people coming through during this intense and fruitful season. I am so grateful for this home and being able to open it up for guests, gatherings, hospitality and different strategic meetings.

So many amazing things have been taking place that I wanted to share some of that! Here are a few recent highlights.....

-our Discipleship Training School is well underway, and I have heard wonderful reports from how God is at work in their lives. A great praise report was the release of visas for a family from Uzbekistan. They were initially denied, and after prayer and doing everything possible to make it happen, the immigration officials allowed them to come. Uzbekistan is a nation where it is illegal to gather as believers, and training like what we offer, needs to happen underground. We are excited to invest into people from Uzbekistan and believe there will be others in the future. The school will head for a week of outreach in Liepaja next week. The lecture phase continue through most of December, and then they head off on outreach for a few months.

-For many years, YWAM Latvia has partnered with others that organize a conferences for school teachers in Latvia. This time, approximately 300 teachers again attended, being encouraged and equipped for serving God in their schools. Our anti-trafficking team had the opportunity to briefly share, and as a result, around 50 schools have shown interest in a team coming to their schools to share trafficking awareness. Our team figures it will take them at least till the end of the school year to get to all of these places! They will also be organizing various awareness events in Riga and Liepaja this month.

-I was able to travel to Estonia a couple times the past few months, and continue to be encouraged with the development there. It is likely that by early next year, we will have teams in 2 locations being established! God is so faithful!

-Coming up this fall, we have teams coming to minister here...one of them all the way from down under, Australia!!!! Other ongoing ministry is taking place focused on children, youth, people in various types of need, people with physical abilities, and in different small towns.

-I will be going to Copenhagen for some days in November in connection with YWAM regional leadership, as well as a gathering focused on praying and seeking God in relation to what steps YWAM should take to launch a fresh work in this city. We have felt to step into the capital cities in North Europe and believe now is the time for Copenhagen.

- I will make a short trip to Norway early Dec to connect with various ones there, and plan to be in Pittsburgh for Christmas, and then onto California to share with various contacts there in January. It has been 4 years since I have been able to get there, so am looking forward to reconnect with many who have invested in Latvia. I return to Latvia mid January to an intense winter/spring schedule, including some key events here, and possible trips to Sweden and Moscow.

-Our staff from around the nation will gather this weekend in Liepaja. These days together are always important for us to hear from God and encourage one another.

Please keep in prayer:

-my paperwork has been submitted for a 5 year extension of residency here in Latvia. It seemed to be an amazingly simple process this time, and I should know within the month. Pray that all goes through without a hitch.

-Because of upcoming travels, as well as entering into the expensive utility season for the next 4-5 months....I need to see some extra finances come in. I would like to get new winter tires for my car, but that seems out of reach right now. Please pray for some releases finances to cover these expenses.

-Upcoming travels and all of the details surrounding these various trips.

Thanks, for your prayers, support and encouragement! I feel so blessed by knowing others are standing in the gap with me, for Latvia and the nations.

Love
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