



Whatever you did
for one of the least
of these brothers,
you did for me. -Jesus

Matthew 25:40



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Dear Friends,

I just came back from Latvia, where I spent three weeks along with my two sons, Tim and Max. Five people from the Harvest Bible Chapel in Glen Ellyn also joined us for 10 days in this year's H.I.M. camp. The Sunday before camp began the Lord gave me a great opportunity to baptize six people from the Voice of the Gospel Church. Five of them were young people who had attended our camp program for the last three years. Elmar, a young man from a muslim family, had accepted Jesus in his heart last year during camp. Now he made a decision to proclaim his faith publicly. This was amazing! The whole baptismal service was a great joy for us and for the church.

Our camp this year was the largest yet with almost 200 people. Fifty percent of these children were at our camp for the first time and eighty percent of the children came from non-Christian homes. The Lord gave us a lot of blessings again this year even though the weather was not very warm and we had many serious problems with the camp owners.

The biggest joy for me personally is when people accept Jesus as their personal Savior. So one day three boys Andrei, Dima, and Mark came to my cabin and asked me if we could talk a little bit. They started asking me questions about Jesus and what it meant to accept Him into your heart. We talked for a while, and then Andrei said that he would like to accept Christ but he didn't know how to do it. After I explained to them those three boys knelt down before God confessing their sins and asked the Lord into their hearts. Two of these guys Andrei and Dima, are from the local orphanage. Andrei is 12 and he was born in a prison. He still doesn't know his mom and dad but now he knows his Heavenly Father. Dima knows only his mom but she is an alcoholic and he has not seen her for a year and a half. He has no idea where she is. Mark lives with his mom but his father was killed three years ago. I know some other boys and girls also asked Jesus into their hearts during the camp time. Pray for them that the Lord would watch them and keep them on the right path.

H.I.M. has started to develop a relationship with the new church called Light of the Gospel Church in a suburb of Liepaja. With your help we can support their Vacation Bible School that began this year with 55 children. I hope we will be able to start a new camp program in the future with this church, but now H.I.M. has a substantial prayer request of our own. Every year we look for a camp ground to rent and every year it becomes more difficult to find a place for 150-200 children. Our vision is to buy our own camp ground that could be used by H.I.M. and area churches for both children's camps and retreats for families. Please pray that the Lord would open this opportunity to us. This is a very important step in our ministry and we need not only financial resources but also wisdom from God to stay in His will. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

In Christ,

Paul Minakov

