



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

Matthew 25:40

Hope International Ministries ANNUAL REPORT

HIM 2007 Year End Report

Your continued financial and prayer support has given Hope International Ministries the opportunity to serve God in Latvia. Our past years work has been both exciting and difficult. God has never promised it would be easy to serve Him!

Our summer evangelistic camp ministry is always our main effort of the year. This past July in the beautiful Latvian forest, our summer camp was held with over 100 teenagers who attended one week of camp. There were many confessions of faith at the end of the camp. Each year about half the young people are new to our camp and many hear a clear presentation of the Gospel for the first time.



In June we assisted two churches with their Vacation Bible School programs for younger children. About 120 children attended the day camp that included Bible time, games, crafts, and three meals a day.

A new part of our ministry which will Lord willing become an annual event was Winter Camp in December. This camp was directed at encouraging the spiritual development of the young people who had made a confession of faith in the summer. This camp was a great encouragement for the 50 teenagers that attended. We were also able to provide Christmas gifts for children attending two churches in Liepaja. This year we had many requests for Bibles so in cooperation with the Wildwood Baptist Church in Wisconsin we were able to ship a container full of Bibles, the Gospel of John, Christian literature, clothing, shoes, coats, and other items. The materials will be put to good use in Liepaja.

In January of 2007, Paul Minakov, our Executive Director and founder of H.I.M., had a chance to attend the Christian Camp International convention in St. Petersburg, Russia. In chilly and dark St. Petersburg, Paul made many connections with organizations working in similar camping ministry in Eastern Europe and Russia. Shortly after this conference Paul was able to participate in a three day church conference in Liepaja. We also helped to send two groups to other Christian youth conferences in Riga and Daugavpils during the past year.

Throughout the year we supported Pastor Sergei Garkusha financially each month. This was a great help for his family of seven.

For a number of years our vision has been to purchase a campsite of our own in Latvia due to sharply rising rental costs and difficulties with finding suitable campgrounds. Currently there is a farm available not far from Liepaja that would be very suitable for a camp. Please, pray for necessary recourses.

We are very thankful for all that the Lord has provided us. We covet your prayers and ask that you would continue to lift up in prayer HIM and the young we seek to save from being eternally lost.

Sincerely,

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