



# Hope International Ministries NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends and Partners of Hope International Ministries,

I just want to give you an update about our ministry in Latvia. This year our camp was smaller than usual. About 10 kids did not show up the morning we departed for camp. At first we were very disappointed, but later we understood this was God's plan. Camp was less stressful and we had a great opportunity to devote more time one on one with the kids. One group of boys from the orphanage was a living example of how God's love can change lives. Christopher, Christian, Roman, Sergei and Oscar had come to our camp for the first time. During the first couple days it was hard to watch those kids—they were so angry, disobedient, and didn't want to participate in any games or camp activities. Yet, God melted their hard hearts, and it was amazing to see them in the first row at worship time singing to the Lord with tears in their eyes. God is great!

More good news I want to share with you is that we have Paula Florentino serving as a missionary in Liepaja, Latvia. Paula, who is from Brazil, has lived and studied in the United States for the last 5 years. She was a missionary in Africa for 3 months and was in Liepaja twice. God put a desire in her heart to come to Liepaja for a year or more to help the Light of the Gospel Church to work with kids and teach English. We thank God for Paula and for her step of faith out of her comfort zone to serve in Latvia. It is not easy for a young woman to come to a country that has a different culture, language, and traditions. Paula really needs your prayers, and if God is speaking to your heart, you can also help her financially. God can turn your support to big things for His glory.



As you know, my heart is in Latvia with those kids. I want to say a BIG thank you to each of you who have helped H.I.M. in many different ways. Because of your faithful support, we are able to provide summer camps and VBS for last 11 years, and to sponsor the Light of the Gospel Church youth ministry. God bless you.

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**“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers, you did for me.”**

**-Jesus-** Matthew 25:40

- I would like to support the H.I.M. Youth Ministry in Liepaja \$\_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to support Paula Florentino in Liepaja \$\_\_\_\_\_
- I will pray for H.I.M. and Paula's work in Liepaja

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