

Dear Friends:

Hope you had a Happy Memorial Day! We don't have this Holiday in Estonia, but are hoping you have time today to read this update!

News from LIGHT IN THE CITY- Just wanted to let you know what is going on this month.

Thank you for your prayers. Today we give thanks to God for 4 girls from Sweden. We don't know their names, but they have been a great help to us at Light in the City. These young girls, only 15 years old, were fired up to help us here in Estonia. They, all by themselves, made posters, and advertised that help was needed in Estonia to help babies. Through their efforts, money was raised and boxes and boxes of new baby clothes were collected! Thank you to these precious young ladies, who have made a difference in the youngest of lives in Estonia. THANK YOU!

We have been awarded from the City of Tartu a grant to do as many school programs in Tartu as possible in the next school year. We so far have done 3, and will be doing one today. Please pray for us as we tackle this incredible opportunity to speak to youth about Life and Living.

We are excited to announce that we have partnered with Hanna Kotsuba who has volunteered to help Light in the City as an Office Manager. Hanna has incredible qualifications, since she is just graduating in Social Work and wants to work with Light in the City on a long term basis. Pray for her as she raises support. She needs about \$700 a month. If you would like to give to Hanna's fund, please respond. Any amount would be appreciated.

Please pray for a 26 year old lady we are counseling. Maarja-Liisa, a single mom, is in a serious depression. So bad was her condition that she checked herself into a clinic with no one to care for her 5 year old son. We had dear Jonatan for 10 days, and then an additional 6 days together with his mom. They are doing much better now. Please continue to pray for them! Thanks to those who have already shown an interest in helping them!

Monday, May 25, Bob and Patty-Lynn Weber will come for a week to visit us in Estonia and also be involved in a high level Doctor's Conference. Pray for Bob as he has opportunity to share Christ with Doctors!

This week, May 29-31; Franklin Graham comes to Estonia! It will be an incredible opportunity for many to hear the gospel for the first time. We have invited about 10 of our friends to come with us. Please pray for these people: Viktor, Tanya, Maarja-Liisa, Jonatan, . . .

Also please pray for our son Daniel, who has been asked to be the Children's program MC. It is a huge honor and responsibility.

June 1st is Protection of Children Day. Please pray for the outreach our kids will do through their church and children's ministry in front of the entire city of Tartu.

Linden, Daniel and I will be attending our good friend, Anne Paurson's wedding in LA. Please pray for safety in travel and opportunity to share our the ministry the Lord has given us to those there. (June 1-8)

My mom, Marilyn Richards, will be coming to Estonia on June 18. Please pray for her safe travel. We look forward to showing her about our life in Estonia. Her first time back in 12 years!

Our children are growing. Amalie graduates from High School and will be coming to Hilliard for a year of work and fellowship with our home church NWBC. Joshua graduates from 9th grade, another important milestone, and turns 16.

July 1st, Daniel will be going into the Estonian army for 1 year.

July 18, a group of ladies from Texas will be coming to Estonia to help with Women's Outreach through the first Women's Conference of Tartu. The theme will be Wayfarer's. Please pray as we prepare this conference for our church (Salem), our neighborhood (Karlova) and for Estonia.

July 23 will be a specific outreach to the neighborhood around "Light in the City". We will be setting up a tent and inviting neighbors to hear and see what Light in the City is all about. Pray as we hand out fliers, water, and free clothes to expectant moms.

In August we will have 2 building teams coming to help at "Light in the Forest". We will write about more details later.

Please pray for our children John and Beth as they raise support to join us in Estonia!

Thank you for your prayers.

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