



Estonian Christian Ministries Autumn 2011

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"Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest?' I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." John 4:35 NIV

Dear ECM Partners and Friends,

Praise God! It has now been twenty years since Estonia finally broke free from the difficult years of Soviet occupation and rejoined the free independent nations of the world.

At first people flocked to churches, Sunday Schools were overflowing, many came, rejoicing over the new freedoms and to hear the long despised Christian message being openly declared. Others came out of curiosity or to receive free humanitarian aid that was being disbursed through churches.

When Gloria and I brought in the first large amount of medicines in an ECM 40' seagoing container, several doctors were dispersing them to long lines of people who were waiting inside the Oleviste Church.

When we deposited huge boxes of special eye medicines on the desk and floor of the Minister of Health in Tallinn, he immediately ordered his deputy to call hospitals that they could now schedule critical operations that had not been possible for a long time. Several hospitals and doctors received expensive, high tech medical apparatus and instruments, hospital beds, wheelchairs, dental chairs, different medical equipment, etc.

Just before Easter 1992 we were authorized by the Department of Education to speak to as many school assemblies nation-wide as possible about the meaning of Easter and Christianity. Often these assemblies, at the listeners request, became very lengthy. The general evangelistic meetings in the evenings, which often followed in local communist party auditoriums, we saw among others, unexpected individuals receive Christ. In one community where the communists had closed local churches, one of the first persons responding to the invitation was the atheist school principal.

Unfortunately it became evident that most evangelical churches, despite the golden opportunities at that time, were not ready to do follow-up and lacked trained youth leaders. Seeing the tremendous needs, Gloria and I conducted the first open summer youth training camps at Nuutsaku, near Viljandi. Many young people who came from churches all over Estonia, were recent converts. Some pastors – including the official camp director -- were extremely nervous about this. Despite his objection, I had the Estonian flag hoisted in the center of the camp ground.

PTL! Some of these early campers have grown spiritually, and are now actively involved in Christian leadership roles. Unfortunately a large number of Sunday School children however, after reaching early teens, have disappeared from churches that were not adequately prepared or did not understand the importance of a continuous on-going youth training ministry.

We are very glad that Converge WorldWide, whom over 15 years ago, I personally invited to Estonia to help with Family Radio, churches, and leadership training programs, has now finally adopted Estonia as one of the needy mission fields in Northern Europe. They will also help to start new churches. Crick and Mindy Porier from Denver expect to go as missionaries to train youth leaders

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through Kolgata Church in Tartu, working along side pastor Leho Paldre as soon they finish raising their required support. They all need our prayers and support.

My mission trip this April and May to Estonia was a real blessing as I ministered there in several churches and on the radio. It was cut short however, when I had to leave for Vancouver, Canada for our son-in-law's mother's funeral. She was a faithful prayer warrior, "Kodukirik Radio" listener and supporter of ECM since its conception.

God is continuing to bless the Eelim congregation that ECM has been helping in Tallinn. Since they moved into their rebuilt attractive and spacious sanctuary, they are now also enjoying their new pews. Currently the outside and landscaping are being finished, but we need to help them to pay for a required, substantial fence. We rejoice that ECM has also been able to provide an automobile for Tanel, a seven passenger European diesel, Ford S-MAX. It is already in use, hauling building materials and people to church. This school year is Tanel's last year in the seminary. Will you continue to help him with financing his studies?

Those of you who received our Summer Update and prayed for the children's and youth camping programs, it is a joy to report that Ülle, the Child Evangelism director, has just told us how God really blessed their summer camps. Many kids gave their hearts to the Lord and the number of adult volunteer helpers was surprisingly high. They also had a successful leadership training program during the summer months. Since her territory covers Latvia and Lithuania in addition to Estonia, she is presently at a Child Evangelism Training Conference in Lithuania.

Valter reports that the Hi-tech remote control unit that ECM provided for Kuressaare "Picture Radio" (Family Radio Internet Video Division) remote crane camera is a very helpful tool. They still need an additional remote Pal System HD camera. Praise God that several youth have come to Christ through the radio.

These are unusual times we live in. Bible prophecy compared with the current happenings and world events on every front indicates that these are the last days. Therefore may we be reminded of the opening verse of this letter. The spiritual fields are truly ready for harvest. Harvesting you cannot postpone – it will soon be too late. Pray that God will raise up more Christian workers in Estonia and continue to provide prayer warriors and financial partners through ECM.

Special Praise: For all the many children & youth's salvations this summer

Prayer requests:

1. Crick & Mindy, for additional needed regular missionary support
2. Youth ministries in Estonia
3. Child Evangelism children's follow-up & support
4. Eelim Church continued growth & finances for fence
5. Tanel's Seminary support
6. Picture Radio camera

We are most grateful to those of you who have faithfully prayed and supported ECM during these summer months. May the Lord richly bless you! Looking forward to hearing from many of you and wishing you all a wonderful autumn season (and spring in Australia)!

Yours in His Service,
Endel and M. Gloria Meiusi