

The BRIGGS Family

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LATVIA



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Dear Friends,

I have good news of answered prayer. This past Christmas season has been filled with opportunities to share the news of salvation through Jesus Christ. We received two van loads of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes filled with gifts. To go along with that, God opened the door to four schools for us to present the Christmas story and give the gifts. Hundreds of students, teachers and administrators heard of God's love shown to us in His Son Jesus. I can't tell you how joyful it was to go, witness and give. We were able to serve together with a family who moved away from our area and no longer attends our church. Getting to spend time together doing this kind of work was super fellowship and brought back great memories.

In December, a businessman in our Ozolnieki church handed me one hundred euros and asked me to do something for Latvia's children. I wasn't sure what to do with it until later that day. Our now grown foster son, Monvids, came to visit. He was saying how he had a desire to help out some kids in a poor area of town who weren't going to have anything special for Christmas. He wanted to do a Christmas program for them. I asked him if he had any money for food, games, gifts and such. "No" was his answer, not knowing that the Lord had already provided. In the end, he was able to organize a program for 65 kids and 15 parents who showed up as well. They all heard a good message, ate some good food and received a shoebox gift. Some Christians prayed, some gave, some prepared food, some sent a gift, some organized and some spoke. It was nice for Monvids and others to see how God will bring things together for His work to be accomplished.

The Ozolnieki Baptist Church is continuing its ministry. There have been visitors, especially on Christmas Eve. In January, two individuals and two families joined – ten people all together. Martin, our seminary student, continues studying and preaching. Several churches have invited him to speak. He has been invited to speak on Christian radio as well. Pray for him please. There are also difficulties. There have been some in the church drawn away by the world, work hours, studies, false teaching ... Pray for them and pray for me. It breaks my heart. Pray for our music in church on Sundays. We have limited music ability. Pray for Linda and God's help in teaching the Ladies Bible Study. Pray that God will keep me close to Him and Spirit filled.

Emily and Lukas are in America studying. They are both working jobs to pay for tuition. So far, no college debt! I am very thankful that God is caring for them. I am thankful for your prayers and support.

In Christ,
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