

The BRIGGS Family

your missionaries to
LATVIA



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Hello Friends,

Merry Christmas! Have a great time celebrating Christ's coming as a baby in a manger. Just think, soon He will be coming to take us to be with Him. Let's be ready.

I am thankful for your prayers for our family. We were separated for eight weeks. This was because Tomas, our youngest, started school at Calvary Baptist Academy for his 11th Grade year, and the other kids are in college. Linda had to be with Tomas, and I had work in Latvia. I was able to be home for Thanksgiving, and we are looking forward to spending Christmas together here in Michigan. I will be heading back to Latvia on March 31st. Tomas and Linda will join me in June. We are planning to do the same thing for Tomas' 12th Grade year. It is complicated, but seems to be the best way to get a diploma in Tomas's hand.

This short furlough has given me time at my home church. My Pastor, Bob McDonald, has been battling cancer. He has given me the honor to preach some services in his absence. I am glad I get to help out the church that has helped my family so much. Please keep him in your prayers – fighting cancer is difficult. Pray for special grace each day and for healing.

Pray for our church in Latvia. While I am away, they will face challenges no doubt. Some of the leadership have already been under trials and testing. I know that God loves them, and Christ will protect and provide for His church. We must also pray. Pray for Martin, Egils, Renars, Andrejs, Janis, Andris, Filips, and Sandra as they lead, the men preach, and Sandra sings. Pray for unity and that they would lift each other up and love one another. Let's pray for the same in all of our churches.

I will be travelling and visiting churches some. I hope to do the same next year in the few months I will be home. Pray for our safety on the highways. Seems like a lot of pile-ups on the news lately. Pray we see souls saved in our meetings here and in Latvia. Pray that believers will be concerned for the lost around the world.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Thank you to those who sent Christmas cards and gifts. I pray the Lord meets your every need and fills you with joy as you partner with missionaries in Latvia and around the world.

In His Service,
Andy, Linda, Emily, Lukas and Tomas Briggs

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