

The BRIGGS Family

your missionaries to
LATVIA



October 2018

Dear Friends,

I am writing to inform you of major changes in our ministry. Linda and I are leaving the mission field of Latvia and returning to Michigan. Fair Haven Baptist Church in Westland, Michigan has called me to be their pastor. Linda and I both feel that God has been leading us there, and we are excited about ministering to the church that sent us out over twenty years ago. Our former Pastor, Bob McDonald, died about six months ago. He was loved deeply by us and so many others. It is an honor to be taking up where he left off.

This move is bitter sweet. We love our people in Latvia and parting with them is difficult. Some of our dear brothers and sisters are close like family. We have shared so much together. Our hearts are knit together and now we will be on the other side of the world. Please pray for them and us. Help us all to embrace God's call obediently and enthusiastically. God knows what He is doing.

We have been in Latvia throughout the summer since the end of our furlough. While there, we were printing gospel tracts and doing distribution. I was preaching in the church in Ozolnieki and encouraging the leadership. God gave me the privilege to baptize three believers in the river that runs through town. That was the highlight of the summer for many of us. Thank you to you who have supported our work. There is fruit that remains. God has blessed. The church in Ozolnieki is being left with men capable of spiritual leadership, trained Sunday school teachers, a building to meet in and resources to work with. Please pray for them as God leads them onward.

I am so very grateful for you our supporters. You have been wonderful partners. I can't thank you enough. Our financial support has always been rock solid and we were able to be about spiritual work with all of our attention. Your prayers for us were answered because God protected us and souls were added to the kingdom. May God bless you and lead you to other mission works to support.

Remember us in your prayers. This will be an adjustment for Linda and I. Pray for Fair Haven because losing Pastor McDonald has not been easy. Pray for Tomas, he is in Air Force boot camp in Texas. Emily is in Chicago with her husband Amar. Amar is in his last year at Moody. Lukas is studying in Madrid, Spain. Alise and husband are in Greece working, and Monvids is living with his wife and baby in Riga.

In His Service,
Andy and Linda Briggs

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Dear Faithful Supporters of Andy & Linda Briggs,

I am writing this letter to inform you about a change in the ministry of the Briggs Family. Bro. Andy Briggs has been called to pastor their sending church, Fair Haven Baptist Church, located in Westland, Michigan. Their former pastor, Bob McDonald, passed away six months ago. Recently the church asked Bro. Briggs to consider coming home to pastor the church. He and Linda spent much time in prayer about this, and it was certainly not an easy decision after serving on the mission field for 23 years.

The Briggs family have been a faithful part of the WBF Mission family since being approved as missionaries to Latvia in 1995. They were able to establish a good work there, and the church in Ozolnieki is being left in the capable hands of men who have been trained to carry on the ministry. The church also has a good building and good resources to work with. Andy and Linda certainly have a love for the people there, and it will be difficult to no longer be ministering with them. Please pray for them as they leave the people they have loved and served for so many years.

Bro. Briggs has officially become the pastor of Fair Haven Baptist Church, but they have not yet moved all their things from Latvia to the U.S. Due to the transitional expenses they will incur in moving their things from the field to the U.S., and getting re-established stateside, we will continue to channel any contributions for them until November 27, 2018. Any funds sent to the WBF Mission Agency for Andy and Linda Briggs after November 27, 2018 will be returned to the supporting churches and/or individuals. We would encourage you to consider maybe transferring your support to one of our new or veteran WBF missionaries God would lead you to support.

Please pray for the Briggs family as they begin this new ministry. Although it is difficult for a missionary to be called home from the foreign field, it is a blessing to have another mission-minded/hearted servant of the Lord pastoring a church in the U.S.A. I know they will appreciate your continued prayers for them as they continue serving the Lord.

Thank you for your investment in missionaries. We appreciate all you do!

Joey Bacon
Mission Director

