



Making Disciples in Estonia.

Matthew 28:19-20

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Dear Friends,

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"And he said, 'Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' You are witnesses of all these things,'" Luke 24:46-48, NLT.

New Ministry Assignment: Over the past few months, we have been seeking discernment for our next ministry steps. We believe that God has now answered



our prayers and has given us a clear calling to a new ministry assignment. With the blessing of OMS, we will be transitioning from Ukraine to live and work in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. We will serve on a ministry team with OMS missionaries, Mark and Livia Nelson (photo). We will be focused on discipleship, discipling believers and equipping them to disciple others, theological education and church planting.



There may also be opportunities to keep in connection with Ukrainians. The seminary is currently housing several Ukrainian refugees, and about 1 in 20 people living in Estonia at this time is a Ukrainian refugee.

Although Estonia is consistently ranked in the top five least religious countries in the world, the small numbers of faithful believers continue to live for and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We have shared stories with you about Allar and Piret, church planters that Brent has been coaching in their outreach to their town and nearby villages (photo). Brent will now be able to spend much more face-to-face time with them.



Brent's Documents: We give thanks to God that Brent has received his green card. This permitted him to take the next step of applying for U.S. citizenship (as a New Zealander, he may hold dual citizenship.) Please join us in prayer that he will become a U.S. citizen in time to get a U.S. passport before our departure date. Failure to do so will mean that Brent will have to return to the United States to finish the citizenship process after we arrive in Estonia.

Successful Completion of Doctorate: Colleen successfully defended her dissertation on May 4 and has officially submitted the final copy of her thesis to University of Manchester. Thank you for praying and accompanying us on the long doctoral journey.

Online Life Group: We continue to meet online each Sunday with Ukrainians, some of whom are in Ukraine and others are refugees in various European countries, and with others who have special friendships with Ukrainians. We are currently studying the book of Judges. One of our members, Kirill, is serving in the Ukrainian army. In May, his unit came under artillery fire shattering his arm and breaking his ankle. God gave him boldness

to share the Gospel with a fellow wounded soldier as they waited to be evacuated. He has since had many opportunities to share about Jesus from his hospital bed. Two Life Group members traveled more than 300 km to visit and encourage him. Please join us in praying for his complete recovery and for a rapid and just end to the Russian war against Ukraine.



Empowering the Nations Conference in Mexico: "Now may the God of



peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, ESV). This blessing expressed by Paul represents the messages that Colleen (OMS) and others from the Francis Asbury Seminary, Wesley Biblical Seminary, International Leadership Institute and WGM shared with over 70 leaders who represent several churches and seminaries in Mexico. The conference equipped people with tools and resources and called everyone to wholeheartedly

follow and live for Jesus. Thank you for praying!

As we prepare for our transition to Estonia, please join us in asking for God's provision and guidance for the following requests:

- We have tickets to depart for Tallinn, Estonia, on August 15, arriving in the country on the 16th. Please pray for protection as we travel, for grace to cover our adjustments and for favor as we begin our applications for residency within the country.
- Pray for provision of an apartment that will facilitate opportunities for hospitality and ministry as well as be a place of peace and rest for us and all who visit.
- We are asking God to provide an opportunity in September to return to Kyiv to see friends and to move our belongings out of our apartment.
- Please pray for us as we prepare the courses that we have been asked to teach at the Baltic Methodist Evangelical Seminary this fall: Colleen will be teaching Spiritual Formation III, Inductive Bible Study in the Gospel of Mark and Inductive Bible Study in Exodus. Brent will be teaching a course on implementing small groups in effective disciple making.
- Ask for God's help as we study Estonian.
- We asked you to pray with us about traveling to New Zealand since it has been over five years since we were last there. Mark and Livia suggested traveling over the Christmas season, so we have booked tickets to Auckland for the second week of November with our return to Tallinn the second week of January. Please pray for God's leading and blessing as we contact churches and individuals to set up appointments to share with them about our ministry in both Estonia and Ukraine.
- Ask God to give favor in the processing of Brent's U.S. citizenship application.
- Pray for our God's blessing and guidance in our travels, visits with family and packing before we leave the US.

In Christ,
Colleen and Brent

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