



February 9, 2017

Hi Friends and Family!

As I write this newsletter, our family and friends in the US (on the east coast) are gearing up for some Latvian weather – 6 inches to a foot of snow are forecasted. Welcome to winter ☺ Right now in Riga it's a nice sunny day, temperatures in the teens – I'm sitting inside the café section of our local ice skating rink while MaryBeth and Cole spend an hour or so taking a break from studies and getting some winter exercise. Our January was busy and fruitful – here's a summary:

- Spent January 9-20, teaching at the Baltic School of Ministry (BSM) on Spiritual Disciplines. MaryBeth joined me on the second Wednesday to teach in Chapel and then we spent the evening praying over each student personally. We also had the opportunity to have lunch with Danny and Damaris Pedraza (they oversee the school), and do some planning for the upcoming semester.
- I preached and ministered at Factory-99 Church January 8, 15, and 29. On January 29, I came to church to teach from Luke 8 regarding the women who touched Jesus and was healed after suffering with an illness for 12 years and spending all her resources on physicians. Just before the service started one of the leaders told me a women had come to church that morning – she was suffering from an illness and had been to doctors and new age healers but was still sick – she figured it was time to turn to Jesus ☺. Church ended and MaryBeth, Amy, and I had the opportunity to stand with her as she was born again and pray for her healing! Something like this happens each Sunday when we are at Factory-99 – please keep up the prayers.
- MaryBeth and Amy began serving at Hope for Children on a weekly basis – spending time with the children – helping with homework, playing games, and preparing food. I am planning to start serving there as well – sharing stories with the kids and praying for them.
- I was one of the speakers at this year's History Makers Youth Conference on January 27-28. From Friday evening to the end on Saturday evening – MaryBeth and I had the opportunity to pray for hundreds of young people for salvation, rededication, repentance, helping them forgive those who had hurt them, and for healing. On Saturday morning, I spoke on the topic of Walking the Path of Life.

- Ministered at a Wednesday evening service at Word of Truth.
- We ministered at the Church in Gardene this past Sunday, February 5. At the end of the teaching I ministered to the men, MaryBeth ministered to the women, and Amy prayed over the youth.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- We will be back at Factory-99, Sunday, February 12, and then at Salvation Church in Jelgava, on February 19, and at Word of Truth on February 26.
- I will begin to teach an additional topic at BSM starting the week of February 13. My new subject is The Church, and I will now be at BSM for 2 to 4 classes a week for the rest of the semester.
- Our schedule for Sundays in March is also already planned. We will head back to the Church in Gardene on March 5, then back to Factory-99 on the March 12 and 19. We will then go to an independent church that I haven't been to yet on March 26.
- Continue service at Hope for Children.

PRAYER NEEDS

- Please pray for the Martinov family. They tragically lost their 20-month-old son on January 28. Victor and Veronica both serve at Word of Truth and have 5 additional children: Ruta, Tamara, Ron, Teresa, and Renata. Thanks to your support we could help this family with a financial love offering of 500 euros.
- Pray for a woman named Inga – she is the woman who was born again and healed at Factory-99. She came to church the following week looking like an entirely different person. She needs your prayers for protection and direction.
- Pray for the Church in Gardene as we spend more time there helping them through some leadership challenges.
- Pray for Factory-99 as we increase our time there to 2 times a month and helping them make plan for future steps and transitions.
- Pray for unity among the Russian and Latvian speaking churches as we continue to divide our time and efforts in both Networks.

- Pray for our upcoming schedule and then our two-month trip back to the States during May and June.
- Pray for this summer's upcoming Youth Camps throughout Latvia and Estonia. We will be hosting a team from Celebration Community Church to come for one of the camps in July.

None of our efforts would be possible without your prayers and your ongoing support! If you feel led - financial gifts can be made through www.Celebrationcc.com or mailed to Celebration Community Church, PO Box 140, Columbus NJ, 08022.

Love and Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "D" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.



