



Coffee with David and Kandra

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The Church is Rising

Amazing things occurred since our last newsletter. *Thank you for praying!*

Lithuania

The expansion of the Pentecostal church in Lithuania has been tepid at best and more likely plateaued or in decline. In March AGWM Area Director, Norm Edwards met with church leaders from around the country (David participated as well) and lead them through a self-evaluative process. The leaders rewrote their mission statement and cast a vision for the next 7 years. Their vision is to:

*“Start a mission point or plant a church
in all 60 of Lithuania's districts.”*

There are currently mission points or churches in 23 districts.

To even have an magnificent goal like that shows the tide is turning in terms of church planting! Praise the Lord! This vision was shared powerfully and received with joy and a recognition that this is a mandate from God. Currently the churches are either beginning or praying about where they will start their church planting work.

Estonia

In the middle of May we traveled with the Lithuanian Bishop that is leading the church planting effort there, to Tallinn for the Church Multiplication Conference. It was exciting to see the excitement that generated and the dynamics of vision casting, Q & A, as well as fellowship, prayer, and worship.

Special speakers were there from Estonia, Latvia, Norway, and the USA. Special for us were Steve

Pike, the AG USA Church Multiplication Network Director, and Rob Ketterling, Lead Pastor of River Valley Church and John James of Bethany Church, Wycoff, NJ (both are supporting churches).

Why We are Excited

Something amazing is happening in the Baltic States! Churches that showed little interest in church planting are actively strategizing, planning, and taking action steps to be multiply the number of churches.

We get to be a part of one of those church plants in Tallinn. As you know, we will be joining the Tallinn Project as we help to plant a church as a team.

This is the first church plant in the Baltic states that will be planted using a team method where all of the gifts and talents can be brought to bear on a single task. This is the first church planted as a part of The Baltic Initiative.


This move will give us a more strategic platform from which we can continue to encourage church planting in Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.

As you can imagine, international moving isn't cheap. We are still in need of financial assistance for this transition. Any help you provide would be deeply appreciated.



**Pentecostal leaders
rewrite their mission and
create a new vision for
church planting (left)**

**People responding to the
challenge to plant new
churches and start new
mission points (below)**





Church Multiplication Conference guests:

Top left - **Rytis Berūkštis**, Lithuanian Bishop in charge of church planting initiative, **Steve Pike**, AGUSA Church Multiplication Network Director, **Ago Lilleorg**, Estonian Pentecostal Bishop

Top right - **Oystein Gjerme**, Church Planting Pastor from Bergen, Norway, **John James**, Campus Pastor from Bethany Church, Wycoff, NJ, **Steve Pike**, **Rob Ketterling**, Lead Pastor at River Valley Church, Apple Valley, MN

Bottom left - **Kaspars Sterns**, Latvian Baptist Union Church Planting Director, **Peteris Sprogis**, Latvian Baptist Bishop, **Peep Saars**, Estonian Church Planter, **Miguel Zayas**, Church Planter in Tallinn.



New MAILING Address:

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Brand New Website!!

We have been working diligently on our new website and logo. There is more information about our vision and ministry and also ways that you can connect socially and invest financially. Thanks for taking the time to check out dkmillsaps.net

Brand New MAILING Address:

Thanksgiving and Prayer Requests

- We are so **thankful** for the faithful support of our churches and friends. We are truly grateful!
- We are **thankful** for the new vision the churches in the Baltic states have for planting churches.
- We are **thankful** for good health for us and our children
- We are **thankful** for the more than 11 years we have lived in Lithuania and for our wonderful brothers and sisters here here.
- Please **pray** for workers to come and plant churches in Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.
- Please **pray** that God would give wisdom and faith to the Lithuanian leaders that are leading a great vision.
- Please **pray** that God would provide financially for our move to Tallinn and additional funds on a monthly basis due to the higher cost of living.



EURASIA



Farewell Dinner with Olga and Ivanas Škulis, First Assistant Bishop (on the far left), Rytis and Valda Berūkštis Second Assistant Bishop (Next to David and next to Kandra)



Lithuanian Bishop, Rimantas Kupstys, First Assistant Bishop Ivanas Škulis, and Second Assistant Bishop Rytis Berūkštis.



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