



## Coffee With David and Kandra

### We Are No Longer a Launch Team!

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These words were, spoken on Launch Sunday, September 7, 2014.

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They were followed by: "We are a CHURCH!"



What an honor to be part of the launch team and part of the new church called: [Focus Church](#). God gathered a team of people together with a unified vision to launch a new church. Focus Church's vision is to help make Jesus and his mission the focus of Tallinners' lives.

Everything we do is focused on helping people take one step closer to Jesus. Each connect group, Alpha course, worship service, big event, personal discipleship, children's ministry, and even the bagels we serve are used toward this end.

Kandra and I have so enjoyed working with this team of people! It is amazing how much more we can do when we all work together!

We are not a launch team any more but a church. A church whose founder is the Lord, Jesus Christ. Besides that, we are seeing lots of people take one step closer to Jesus.

### Operations Center

God has provided an incredible opportunity for Focus Church to remodel a building in an amazing part of Tallinn. It is where everyone wants to go, hang out, and have a business. Its location near Old Town, up and coming businesses, and residential areas, makes this an awesome place for a church and operations center. This [video](https://vimeo.com/112959361): <https://vimeo.com/112959361> lays out the need and vision for the project and how you can be part of it. Offerings can be sent to:

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# Schedule Now!!

God is doing some amazing things in the Baltics I would love to come and share with you about them and how you can partner with us to plant more churches.

Our itineration is less than 6 months away. If you would like to schedule a service or other event (missions convention, coffee, youth meeting, men's and women's meetings, missions board meetings, etc.) for June 2015 through May 2016, let me know as soon as possible! Send me an email at: [david.millsaps@agmd.org](mailto:david.millsaps@agmd.org).

I am in the process of starting to make calls. Let's get in touch and work out the details.

## Church Planting Roundtables with Steve Pike

In late October and early November [The Baltic Initiative](#) was privileged to host Steve Pike, the former director of the [Church Multiplication Network](#) for the Assemblies of God. He left the national office to establish the [Urban Islands Project](#).

Steve traveled to all three Baltic countries spending two days in Lithuania and Estonia and part of one day in Latvia. He met with both the leaders of the national churches and the local missionaries. During the sessions Steve taught, led discussions, and coached the leaders to think strategically on both the national and the local level.

This was an amazing few days of envisioning God's dream for making disciples and church planting in the Baltics. Two statements came up repeatedly:

- 1 No one goes alone (meaning, we must have others to effectively plant the church.)
- 2 Church planting requires two equal parts: one part strategy and one part miracle. Said another way: one part sweat, on part mystery (meaning God has to be active in the process, but we too have to think and act strategically in the power of the Spirit).

One of the most important aspects of Steve's trip to the Baltics was the decision to become a strategic partner with Urban Islands Project. The Urban Islands, the highly populated urban centers of America's major cities, are similar to the Baltics. At some point in history there may have been a church in these places, but accessibility to the gospel, basic world view, and the fact that both the Urban Islands and the Baltics desperately need church planters makes us natural partners.



*Special thanks goes out to Pastor Rob Ketterling at [River Valley Church](#) in the Twin Cities for making this event possible financially.*

This year we are especially dependent upon your year end giving to give our account the boost it needs so that we can have sufficient funds to make get through the end of our extended term.

[Online donations](http://s1.ag.org/millsaps) can be made at: [s1.ag.org/millsaps](http://s1.ag.org/millsaps).

- They must be made on or before December 31, 2014.
- Any mail with a January 1, 2015, or later postmark will receive 2015 giving credit.



Some people have asked what is the best way to give us a personal gift of money. When giving online, you can simply select class (09) and in the comments section write, "Christmas," or "Birthday," etc. When sending in an offering via mail just write: (09) Special Personal, "Christmas," or "Birthday," etc.

Thanks in advance!



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