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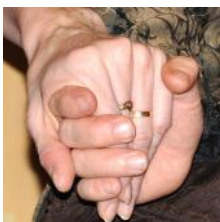
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EDITORIAL



By Margaret Brown

Blessings to all our Readers!

As I sit down to write this editorial the light is fading outdoors, even though it is only the middle of the afternoon. It is not necessary to switch on the electric light just yet, so I have lit three candles to brighten up the room and make it cheery; and because the candles are scented there will be a nice fragrance too.

Here in Scotland winter days can be dull and dark, as I'm sure they are for most of our readers. We long for the lighter, warmer days of summer. The candles are glowing, shedding their light and the flames are tall and straight – no flickering. I am cheered already.

You will have noticed the lighthouse on the front cover of this edition of News & Views. Here most, if not all, of our lighthouses have been decommissioned. They have become redundant due to the advanced technology now in electronic navigation systems, but they still stand as a reminder of the usefulness they once had. How valuable these edifices were in steering ships away from danger, giving light and safety to all shipping. Many owe their lives to the strong beam of the lighthouse, shining out from the coast guiding their vessels safely through the rocks into the security of the harbour. In the darkest of nights when the storms were raging, the sea breakers high and the ships tossed to and fro, the brilliant beam of the lighthouse was what the sailors and fishermen looked for. As a young child, living across the road from the seashore in a fishing community in the north-east of Scotland, I was only too well aware of the dangers of the sea and the lives it claimed. How important then, for the lighthouse to be in good working order, the glass kept spotlessly clean so the light could be clearly seen a long way from the shoreline.

Those of us who know the Lord Jesus have His light within us, for He said, *'I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'* (John 8:12). You do not need me to tell you that we live in a dark and threatening world with many dangerous 'rocks' on which we could flounder and be wrecked. How important to stay close to our Source of light, Jesus Himself. We are to be like lighthouses, shining in the darkness, warning people to steer clear of the 'rocks'. *'For God, Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ'* (2 Corinthians 4:6).

In this issue you can read of a number of God's people who are shining like lighthouses for His glory as they reach out to help in Jesus' name. May I commend to you the Vilande Church Baby School Project and may I also suggest that those of you who are looking for a specific project to support, consider giving to this Baby School to enable Inta and her team of teachers to continue this work and to give light to the mothers still in darkness, as the school seeks to begin caring for children with special needs. I know you will pray, but finance is also required. Opportunities to help and support are not always given to us, so we must take the opportunity when it is presented.

'Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven' (Matthew 5:16). Let us be careful to live tall, straight, and transparent so Jesus' light can shine through us constantly – no flickering, but burning brightly using our abilities, resources and gifts to bring light and hope to others and glory to God.

May the Lord bless you, in every effort, and you shine for Him and may many be drawn to the Light as you shine.

*Whoever follows Me
will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.*



PRESIDENTIAL LETTER



By Līvija Godina

Beloved sisters in Christ!

At the beginning of the year we look back to give thanks for things that have passed. We also look forward with certain suspense and prayer, that God would lead us and give us wisdom to follow His plan. Looking back at last year, I thank you for your sincerity, support and love, that I've experienced through our events, letters and meetings. Thank you for your donations to the Day Of Prayer offering; it's very special for through that we can bless and help others in different European countries, help people in different projects or simply give help in rough times.

In Mark, chapter 4 we read about the analogy of the sower. Reading it helps us to understand that the world is filled with people with different responses to the gospel. People's reactions and the results of these are very different. One hears, but doesn't understand. Others hear, but experiencing the smallest difficulties, they surrender to these difficulties. Some try to save and protect the heard gospel, but troubles and difficulties destroy it. But there are also people, in which God's Word grows and blooms. This analogy seems practical, but in everyday life we still label people. This problem is called inconsistency, which is caused by unnecessary material values. It's good that there are people who understand us.

But maybe the analogy speaks just as much as the wasteful sower. There's a feeling that he's sowing left and right without paying attention where the seed falls. Every reasonable farmer works smartly, he prepares the field and calculates the exact amount of seed needed. The seed stock is limited, but heaven, the gospel and forgiveness – these things God has in plenty. He gives away so the seed falls



everywhere possible, but there still are hearts so cold, that they crucify Jesus. God doesn't give up, He continues to sow that even the coldest of hearts can be saved. All it needs is love and



patience.

Dear friends, sometimes serving and sowing is tiring, we start to evaluate people, and the results, and we start to think if there really is a reason for all this, but love and forgiveness is never too much. Let's sow love, even in the hard, cold soil.

Prayer requests.

Last years EBF Executive Committee took place in Bethlehem and EBF General Council Meeting in Nazareth. We met with Arabic Christians from Palestine and Jews from Israel. I ask you to pray for a reconciliation movement in this region. Women have a very important mission to improve relationships. It's impossible to break down historical boundaries, but peace is necessary and possible with the help of Christ. Let's pray for people who bring peace through their work.

Let's also pray for the conference that will take place in Moscow, Russia, March 6-8, where sisters from ex-soviet countries, Armenia, Uzbekistan, Georgia, Tajikistan and Azerbaijan will participate. Let's pray that sisters would be able peacefully to arrive for the conference, as that would work as an encouragement for future service.

Prayers are also needed for EBWU's future and for it's future leaders, because on 1st June, 2013, we will elect a new Committee and a new President. Pray for that and send your suggestions to Eva Gutkovska, the ex-president and the leader of the Nominations Committee.

With love and gratitude,
Līvijs Godina.

ESTONIA CONFERENCE



By Margaret Brown

Tallinn, Estonia,

October 6-9th 2011

Approximately 55 women, mainly from the Baltic countries, but including others from our member countries, gathered in the Olumpia Hotel, Tallinn for this event. There was a good mixture of age ranges

amongst those who attended. The Estonian women worked very hard beforehand to ensure that we had a good venue and that everything required was in place.

The theme for the Conference was 'Spiritual Balance', the key Scripture taken from Habakkuk 3:19 '*The Sovereign Lord is my strength*', reminding us that occasionally we can become unbalanced in various areas of our lives, but when we focus on the Lord, He is our strength and enables us to have everything in perspective, even when trials and difficulties enter our lives.

The Estonian women welcomed everyone to Tallinn and to the Conference, then Meego Rimmel, Estonian Baptist Union President brought a word of encouragement. Spiritual Balance is something we learn over and over again. He used the Hebrew word 'Shalom' which means so much more than just 'peace'; it's also balance, health, wholeness, integrity, satisfaction, perfection. If we have the 'shalom' of God we are in balance, we are healthy. When our relationship with God is right, we are right with others and we are in balance.

The keynote speakers were Mari Vahermagi and Janice Viinalass who spoke on 'Spiritual Balance' and 'the Church in Balance' respectively. Both had challenging things to say for us to take note of, and to put into practice in our daily lives. Mari began by saying that balance begins



Mari Vahermagi

from within (Proverbs 4:23). There is nothing so deceptive as the human heart; we need to ask God, as David did, to search our hearts. Mari shared a very personal testimony of how God worked in her life and heart. Jesus did not come to take away our lives but to give us abundant life so that our cup overflows (John 7:38). Jesus can turn our misery into blessing with the most balancing factor being love. Habakkuk 3:16&17 enables us to keep our balance so we can go on the heights with God. Janice speaking on 'the Church in Balance' posed the question: are we sleep masks or reflectors? The church is called out assembly of believers (Matthew 28:18&19) whose most important element is love. Are our eyes closed to the needs around us, or are we reflecting the love of God in our communities? Janice shared about some of the practical ways the church in Estonia is reaching into the community.



There were also a choice of four seminars relating to our theme – Communication Skills (AnikoUjvari, Hungary and Margun Warem, Norway); Depression (Elisabeth Vekas, Romania and Inese Dreska, Latvia); Healthy Balance of Work & Family (Mari Vahermagi, Estonia); Treating Trials on Track (Wies Dijkstra, Netherlands and Margaret Brown, Scotland). These seminars were conducted twice giving the participants the opportunity to attend two seminars. As far as I know from the conversation they were all well received and helpful to the participants. The seminar I was involved in was very meaningful and encouraging for the women who attended as they were encouraged to '*cast all (their) anxiety on Him because He cares for (them)*' (1Peter5:7). Stones were used to represent the women's burdens which were picked up and held in their hands. Prayerfully they carried their 'burdens' to the cross, which was on the wall, and flung them into a basket at the foot of the cross, symbolic of casting their burdens onto the Lord. Then a golden marble was picked up to keep, to remind the women that the Lord held their burdens and He would deal with them. The marble is round and gold is precious signifying our completeness in Christ and how precious we are to Him. Also included in the Conference were times of sharing of the women's work in various European countries. There were times of worship, prayer, meditation and testimony, as well as private conversations in little groups at meal times, coffee breaks, etc.

The Estonians arranged for us to have a guided tour of the old city of Tallinn which was very informative and interesting; the old town has some lovely old buildings, narrow cobbled streets and quite a history. The atmosphere was special and our guide was very well informed, answering all our questions patiently.

On the Saturday afternoon we attended, for a short time, the Women's International 'Fall (Autumn) Day' in Oleviste Church in the old city. Many women had come from the surrounding area for a day of worship, teaching and fellowship.

In the evening we were treated to an evening of Estonian culture of music and dance. A mother and daughter came dressed in their national costume, very bright and colourful. They explained that music, song and dance are all part of Estonian life. The daughter played the flute. Another two girls entertained us with a variety of musical instruments and song. It was very relaxing for us. Later they encouraged us to join them in dancing which we did and had great fun.



Sunday morning was a very special time. We joined in a prayer walk in the conference room. It was a time of silent prayer, using the prayer requests which had been written down; these were shared among us and at the end of the time were laid down at the foot of the cross which was laid on the floor. Each woman then picked up a small wooden cross (made by a Swedish pastor) to keep for herself. We then celebrated the Lord's Supper together. Following a time of worship in praise Toivo & Einike Pilli and Helle Liht, all Estonians gave short devotional messages from Scripture.

Einike spoke from John 4:5-29 – when we come to the well we might meet people we don't expect to meet; they may be so different to us we wonder if we can speak with them. The woman went back to her village and spoke of what had happened, spoke of Jesus. As we gather at the well, may we be filled and enabled to go back home and tell of what happened here, of how the Lord met us and what he did for us here.

Helle spoke from Matthew 5:13 – women like to cook and salt is needed for cooking. Salt is a commodity of great value. Cooking is just a minor thing compared to other uses, eg in wounds to purify and heal, in agreements to make a covenant, in the Roman army to pay wages, and in days without refrigerators to preserve. Jesus sends us out as salt.

Toivo spoke from Luke 9: 28-40 – the three disciples experienced something wonderful, then once down from the mountain they met a real life challenge. We like to



stay on the mountain with Jesus, but after the mountain, He calls us to return to the real world where the need is. We must drink in all that Jesus gives us, then go to the hurting people with His words, His healing. To fulfil our mission we need to face real life issues; we need to grow in the presence of God so we can be of use to the needy.

We then celebrated the Lord's Supper together as Toivo then led us in Communion. There was a real sense of the Lord's presence in the stillness as we went forward to receive the Bread and the Wine and to be blessed with anointing. God was at work among us throughout the Conference, and we praise His name for being at work in our lives, moving us on in our walk with Him, teaching us how to keep our lives in balance as we were reminded from His Word that *'the Sovereign Lord is my strength'*. And so we left Tallinn, each one of us going in the strength of the Lord, to whatever He has for us to do.



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FRANCE CONFERENCE



By Vivienne Hatton

The French Baptist Women's Union began in 1958. One of its aims is to encourage women in the Baptist churches to get to know one another both in the local church and beyond. To this end, a national 'get-together' is held annually, over a weekend, usually around the beginning of October.

The programme consists of worship, teaching, testimonies and so much more beside, including of course, plenty of moments to drink coffee, chat and laugh together.

From 30th September-2nd October we met together at the International Centre, Le Rocheton, at La Rochette, near Melun. The theme was 'Let Yourself be Guided by Love and be Servants of One Another', based on Galatians 5: v.13. Seventy-nine women took part, coming from 23 different churches.

Our speaker was Dimitrina (Didi) Oprenova, president of the Bulgarian Baptist Women's Union. She also shares in pastoral ministry with her husband Teddi in



First Baptist Church, Sofia in Bulgaria. The Lord really used Didi to bring us much rich teaching.

She reminded us of how Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, one of the most humiliating of tasks, to prove His love for us. (1 John 4: v.10) The love we've received from God we must give in service to others. We show that love by humbling ourselves in service.

Didi also reminded us of Jesus' call to be salt and light to the world. Salt which has lost its savour has lost its identity. We're called to be bold, bringing our savour to the world around us and perhaps challenging some of the standards the world has and by caring for those society often rejects. She told an amusing but powerful story of the sun and a cave, to illustrate the power of light. The sun and the cave were friends. The sun lived in the light but the cave lived in

darkness. They often talked together and one day the cave asked the sun what light was. The sun invited the cave to visit him and in doing so the cave saw the wonderful light. In his turn, the sun asked the cave what darkness was and the cave suggested a return visit. When the sun entered the cave he couldn't see any darkness. 'Come a bit further in', said the cave. But the sun still couldn't see the darkness!



Some of the participants

The light of Jesus in us is always stronger than the darkness. We're the light of the world and our homes, our churches and our whole lives should shine out with that light and the light will draw others to Jesus.



Ladies enjoying and sharing a meal

We were also privileged to hear the testimonies of two ladies present. Monique Chevalier, a young woman from Limoges was drawn to see the young women prostitutes who congregate around the station. Her heart was burdened for them, many from other countries and she began to reach out to them, even to begin learning a bit of Bulgarian in order to speak to some of them, shining the

light of Jesus in the darkness around that station. Following her testimony we had group discussions, talking about the needs of women who are trafficked. Some said afterwards, 'how good it was to face up to a subject that is often taboo.'

The second testimony was given by Marie-Thérèse Prunier, a lady who had known God's deep healing in her life and had gone on, together with her husband, to serve



God as a volunteer on the Logos, one of the ships belong to O.M. (Operation Mobilization). She hadn't thought she had any specific skills to offer but found that as she helped those on board with simple sewing tasks, her room became a place where women could unburden themselves and she could be an encouragement to them. More light shining out!

Our weekend was one of great inspiration and encouragement to many. One of the best comments afterwards was, 'if I arrived with certain (even subconscious) expectations, I didn't leave the same as I arrived'. A life-changing time – and that's our hope for each time we meet for our annual get-together, that it will be life-changing for all those who attend, that God will use all we do, and minister to us through His Holy Spirit.

The date is fixed for this year's encounter, will you please pray for the committee (see photo) as we prepare for it, that we'll hear what God wants to bring to the women of France?



The Committee elected in October 2011

BELARUS CONFERENCE

By Vera Tikhon

The first week of November has been special for ECB sisters in Belarus for over 15 years. These days the sisters get together for prayerful fellowship and meditation over the Word of God.

November 4-5, 2011 in Gospel Light church we had one more conference to celebrate 15 years of a regenerated sisters' ministry in Belarus. The topic of the conference Walk in the Spirit was chosen in accordance with the 5-year program of the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, prepared by the Administrative Committee of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance in 2010.

Over 200 sisters came from 6 regions of Belarus in order to learn to walk in the Spirit, to meditate over the Word of God about the 9 kinds of fruit of the Spirit, the characteristics of a good Christian and to show their presentations of sisters' ministry in each region.



The Chairman of ECB Union in Belarus V. Krutko opened the conference by the invitation to serve the Lord as Lydia from Thyatira (Acts 16:14-15) did. The sisters confirmed the opening of the conference by raising their Bibles high up. Vera Tikhon shared about 15 years of ministry of Belarussian sisters and about the sacrificial work of mothers and

grandmothers who have already passed into eternity.

Livija Godina, the President of the European Baptist Women's Union came to greet the ladies. Livija and Belarussian sisters lit six candles as a symbol of six regions of Belarus. Then Livija presented EWBW scarves to each lady responsible for various regions. Livija celebrated the Baptist Women's Prayer Day during the second day of the conference. She shared about





the ministry of sisters of the European Federation, about the problems of Asian and African countries, about the needs of women of the Caribbean and South-West Pacific regions, and she also presented some video on ministry of sisters in seven regions all over the world. The sisters were engaged in fervent prayer, lifting each of the seven regions up in their seven groups.

J.A. Timofeev, the second Pastor of Bethlehem church in Minsk, expounded on walking in the Spirit using Abigail as an illustration. She was instructed in the law and the prophets, acted promptly, took the guilt of her husband upon herself, humbled herself, and trusted the Lord in doing His will.

Olga Mogan, a special sister from Moldova, who loves Belorussian sisters, was inspired to share about purity and walking in the Spirit. Elizabeth was blessed when the Lord took away her defamation and John was born into her family. He was to “be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb” (Luke 1:15, 25). It is Mary, such a young girl, who says – “Behold the handmaid of the Lord;



be it unto me according to Thy word”. She is moved by the Spirit and she hurries to Elizabeth in order to greet her and says, “My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour” (Luke 1:38-47). It is an elderly widow Anna, who ministered to the Lord by fasting and praying day and night. She glorified the Lord and told all the people about salvation as they were waiting for their Saviour (Luke 2:36-38). The Lord filled these three ladies with the Holy Spirit even before the beginning of a new era, before the first coming of Jesus Christ. We live waiting for His second coming and we should minister to Him where He has put us, walking in the Spirit in goodness and kindness to the people for the sake of their salvation. “But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall” (Malachi 4:2).

The sisters from Ukraine under the leadership of Svetlana Svishcheva encouraged the Belorussian sisters with wonderful Ukrainian singing, poems and a short video “You are special”.

The sisters of the Messianic Jewish church, House of Peace, glorified the Lord by singing in Hebrew. And sister Galina shared about her parents, who hid Jewish children during the war. They put their own daughters in front, risking their own family.



On the second conference day the sisters listened to the word of edification from the General Secretary of ECB Union in Republic of Belarus N.V. Sinkovets. He spoke on the danger of going after the desires of the flesh, as a result such ladies would be grumbling, unhappy, disappointed, upset with their husbands and shouting at their kids. We are not just to try to look happy; instead we are to walk in the Spirit and be happy.

L.I. Mikhovich, the Senior Pastor of Minsk Region of ECB Union invited the sisters to do ministry in three ways: mission and outreach, mercy and catering for the needs of people, and prayer in church and at home.



Then ministers of the Union of ECB in the Republic of Belarus N. Sinkovets, L. Mikhovich and A. Firisuik blessed the regional leading sisters in prayer.

Marianna Dubchak from Moldova invited the sisters to give glory, praise and honor to our Lord all the time. She encouraged them to keep faith as an important quality of the fruit of the Spirit (Psa. 146). She urged the sisters to affirm their faith using Sarah's faith as an illustration, the kind she had at Pharaoh's house, and the Lord brought her out of there by faith. Our God is alive, He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (Heb. 11:6). Then the sister asked everybody to pray in 4 steps: 1st

– glorification, 2nd – confession, 3rd – thanksgiving, 4th – petition.

Tatiana Firisiuk, responsible for the ministry Defend Life at it's beginning invited the sisters to join the ministry and talk to the youth and young couples. V. Zdanovich, Director of Sluzhenie Pokoleniam mission invited the sisters to promote ministry in each church Sunday school for children.

In the conclusion the ECB Bishop A.I. Firisiuk read Rom. 12:11-19 and invited the sisters to be longsuffering, ministering hard in God's fields, to have joy in the Lord in our churches and families, to have peace with each other without judging each other and the church. It is the Lord's business. "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand" (Phil. 4:5). Then everybody had a prayer of gratitude and the prayer for Belarus and EAF countries.

Belarussian sisters treasure such time of fellowship, when they receive encouragement and edification. The sisters in three churches of the city of Vitebsk had this op-



portunity for close fellowship on Sunday, November 6. On the invitation of V. Zaletilo, Gospel House church Pastor, Livija Godina and Vera Tikhon had this kind of fellowship with the sisters in Vitebsk. It made the ties even stronger to build sisters' ministry in the future in Vitebsk region.

Sisters of Brest region are always happy to meet Olga Mogan. On Sunday, November 6, she took the regional conference for sisters in the town of Pinsk. Her work in Belarus is not yet over. She keeps praying for us, writing letters and giving phone calls. May the Lord bless her hard work in God's fields in Belarus.

BULGARIA PROJECT

By Margun Warem

At the Leadership Conference in Hawaii 2010 I first got to know Didi Oprenova from Bulgaria. Through her I learned to know about the projects she and her husband Teddi are working with in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. The project is about supporting Roma people. Like in many countries, the Roma people in Bulgaria are poor, and they are being discriminated in many different ways. Didi and Teddi are also, together with many others, working to finish the big Baptist Center in Sofia.



This caught my interest, and I was thinking that this could be a project for Norwegian women to support.

Coming home from Hawaii, I spoke about it with our pastor's wife, Solveig Bergsland. A couple of months later our Union President Turid Nedland and Solveig joined me for the EBWU conference in Budapest, Hungary. Didi Oprenova was there, she was one of our lecturers. Solveig and Turid also learned to know Didi and her projects, and we felt that God reminded the three of us to go home and start working to raise money for Bulgaria.

Didi's humble wish from us was for 500 Christmas stockings, filled with goodies, to give to poor children for Christmas. Solveig is a very energetic woman, and immediately she started finding women to make the stockings, and after some months we



had all the 500! And we had the money to buy goodies for all the stockings. We imagine that there were many happy children in Bulgaria who received such a Christmas gift!

We started distributing lottery books and asking gifts for a lottery. It all went very well. We informed people about the projects, and lots of them wanted to give support. We invited Didi and Teddi to come to Ålgård to take part in the celebration and lottery on April the 12th 2011. Their visit meant a lot to all of us. Their information and testimonies about the projects made a deep impression on people present. They had power point

presentations so that we could learn better about the projects they are working on. Especially seeing the children and hearing their stories touched us deeply. Having Didi and Teddi here was a great blessing.

God blessed us with a considerable amount of money which Didi and Teddi could take home to Bulgaria and spend for the poor and for the Center. We are grateful to God that He enabled us to do this for the poorest of His little children, and according to His word we also did it for Him. This made us happy.

Getting to know Didi and Teddi and hearing them tell about Bulgaria, left some of us wanting to visit their country. This resulted in ten of us visiting Sofia for four days in September 2011. We were heartily received by Didi and Teddi. They took us around, showing us their beautiful country. They introduced us and informed us about their projects. We met many of the children who receive support, and we took part in three church services on Sunday.

We are so grateful to God first and to Didi and Teddi for making our stay in Sofia unforgettable. We received so much blessings from God through our friends. We think it is a privilege from God that He enabled us to experience all this.

I greet you all with Galatians 6: 9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore as we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.











LATVIA - BABY SCHOOL

Warm greetings from Baby school in Vilande Baptist church, Riga

By Inta Ašnevica

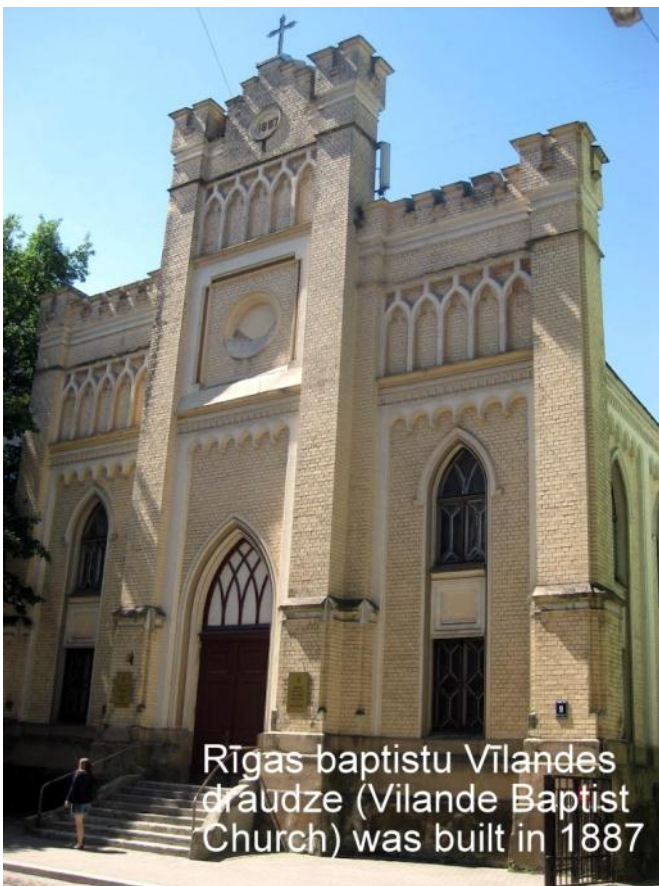
My name is Inta. I am a mother of 4 children and a grandmother of my first granddaughter. My husband, Girts, is the pastor of Vilande Baptist Church. All my life I have been working with children – in schools, kindergarten and also in Sunday school.

13 years ago I had an opportunity to work in Baby School in Matejs Baptist Church which was a new experience for me to work with pre-school children. But it was not just a new experience – it was something more; I could not only teach children as a teacher but also have a fellowship with parents.

Vilande Baptist Church is located in a very prestigious neighbourhood where very wealthy families live as the prices of the real estate are high in this region. Some

time ago God placed in my heart a burden to pray for the families and children who live on our street. I did it every time when walking down the street even though I didn't know anyone living there. A little bit more time went by and God called me to start working **with babies** in our Vilande Baptist Church. Our goal was not just to help these children with the first steps in their intellectual and spiritual lives; we prayed also that through this work these families would find God and a church to join.

It's been 10 years since the is a Baby School in Vilande Baptist Church began and God has been with us all this time. We've been able to open our Baby School for children aged from 3 months up to 3 years. These children



Rīgas baptistu Vīlandes draudze (Vilande Baptist Church) was built in 1887

are divided into 8 different age groups with 8 to 10 children in each group. Each age group has a lesson once a week. There are 6 teachers working in our Baby School and all of them are members of Vilande Church. Every week there are about 70 to 80



families who enter our church and only about 10% of them actually know God. God has given us a wonderful opportunity to pray for these families, to witness to what God has done in our lives and above all to show God's love in everything we do. Many parents have found God here and also joined the church. Talking to parents we have realized how

much they need this place as here they find everything they cannot find without God – safety, peace and love.

God has done so much so far, however our thoughts and hearts are with those who are bound to their houses and rarely are able to go out. These are the children with special needs. This year we want to open a group for these children to give them an opportunity to come and join our Baby School. I have had conversations with several of these mothers who find themselves going through this difficult process and many of them say – If we had more money... medicine, rehabilitation, hospitals..... The government doesn't cover all these costs and for those whom they do cover there are a long waiting queues.



These mothers tell us that they can't go to any Baby School as they have no money. After such conversations we understood that we wanted to give these mothers an opportunity to attend our Baby School without any cost so that they also could meet with other families and work with their chil-

dren in our lessons.

To start this group we have some needs and I would really ask for your financial support to meet these needs.

Since we want to give these families an opportunity to attend our Baby School without any cost we would be very grateful if you could become “godparents” to these families covering all the costs of their attendance – crafts, tea and coffee for parents, toys and special sports equipment for children with special needs. Eventually we want to find a specialist – physiotherapist, who would help these families by giving advice and support.

I believe that God will let this dream about helping and sharing love with these children come true. God has given us so much – great teachers, premises, knowledge and 10 years experience. If God places in your hearts to support financially this work, we would be very grateful.

We believe that God will do many more great things for these families by blessing them, healing them and giving them the love that only He can give.

In this article you can see some pictures from our Baby School graduation.

Many blessings for you in your ministry,

Inta Ašnevica – Director of Vilande Baby School.



LETTER FROM LAURAN



Dear EBWU Sisters,

This past November, my dear father died. He was 88 years old and had been telling me for the last year that he was ready to go to heaven. He was in pain and his memory was fading. I was fortunate to be in California when we realized that he didn't have long to live. When he died, I knew that he was now free of pain and enjoying being with Jesus. But I miss him. I miss the delight in his voice whenever I called. I miss his words of encouragement and support. I miss his easy laughter and enjoyment of life. I miss his profound and heart-felt prayers, always in King James English.

My father was a soldier in World War II, stationed here in Europe. His military career ended when he had to parachute out of an airplane which had engine malfunction. He escaped with a broken ankle—but most of the other crew in that plane were killed. Dad knew that God had saved his life for a special purpose, and at that point he committed his life to Jesus, to do whatever God wanted him to do. His life dream was to be a pilot. But he followed God's voice into full-time Christian service and became a pastor - and later, a "pastor to pastors" as a regional minister. He exemplified servant leadership - always ready to help, never needing to take credit for deeds accomplished.

Our home was always an extension of the church. My mother never knew how many people would be at the supper table - or sleeping on the floor! My father was the president of the local chapter of the Red Cross, and was always the one to be called whenever there was a disaster - flood or earthquake (this is California, remember!). He was also the chaplain of the fire department, and found shelter for those who lost their homes, and provided comfort for those who lost family members.

And when teachers from the public schools shared with him their anger and frustration about a school administrator who was behaving prejudicially towards poor and minority children, he felt compelled to enter the election for the school board. It was not a popular thing to do. Some of the members of our church left because they didn't think that entering into politics was "appropriate for a pastor". But after spending much time in prayer and reflection, he knew that he could do no other. He often talked about Jesus - and how He did things that the religious people of His time thought were bad. Jesus never hesitated to heal the sick (even on the Sabbath!), feed the poor (with no money!) or minister to the outcast (even his disciples were shocked!) - Dad preached it and he lived it. He won that school board election. And the next one - and his voice of Truth and Justice for all transformed the lives of

many children and their teachers.

When my father found out that I was hanging out with women in prostitution in a red-light district in Bangkok in my early years of missionary service, he didn't scold me, or warn me of dangers or worry about my reputation, or advise me to do something else. He trusted that I was listening to God's voice, and trying to follow Jesus' example. And though I was clueless about what I could "do" to help the women, knowing that my dad was in the background, 13,000 km away, cheering me on, helped me to have courage to take each "baby-step" into those dark places, as I felt God leading.



On the cover of my father's memorial service folder we wrote: "In Thanksgiving for a Life Lived in Service of God and Others". As we worshipped and gave thanks to God for dad's life, well-lived, I was overcome with gratitude for such a father. No, he was not perfect by any means. But he was kind, and he cared, and he loved us, and most of all, he loved Jesus.

After he died, I found a list of those elements he wanted in his funeral service. A scripture verse he requested was Micah 6:8: "He has showed you what is good and what the Lord requires of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." He must have had that emblazoned in his heart. He lived that verse every day of his life.

Some of you may be asking why I would write about my father, when the purpose of these "Letters" is to inform you about human trafficking? And my answer is simply this: "He has showed you what is good and what the Lord requires of you, but to do *justice*, and to love *kindness*, and to walk *humbly* with your God" (Micah 6:8). When we are faced with victims of human trafficking and prostitution **or** their victimizers, may we remember those key words: *justice, kindness, humility*. May we then be unafraid to DO what is good and what the Lord has showed us. I'll be eternally grateful for the example that God provided for me through my father.

Thank you, sisters, for giving me the opportunity to share this with you.

With Love, Lauran.

CONFERENCES COMING



Announcing already the following conferences to allow you to make your plans.

Attention: Not everything is arranged yet, so there may be changes announced later!

Regional EBWU

Conference in South France.

Especially for Southern Europe and the Middle East,

but open also to anyone from any country belonging to the EBWU.

Dates: November 15-18, 2012

More information soon on website www.ebwu.org

No internet: write letter to Editorial Office in the Netherlands.



5 Years EBWU

Conference 2013

Place : Hannover in Germany

Dates: May 30 - June 2, 2013.



Window to the World



The republic of Tuva

First, I need to tell something about the place where I live. It is in the very centre of Asia, which is located in Republic of Tuva (Russia). To find the place one has to go north from Mongolia and search for the Enisey River and Sayany Mountains. There it is. The native language of the people is Tuvan which is related to Turkish. Also most of the population speaks Russian as well. They call themselves Buddhists, by birth, even if they are not practicing Buddhism. There is one Russian Orthodox and a dozen growing Protestant churches, most of which are located in the capital – Kyzyl (in Tuvan – Red).



Now my story: In one of these churches a few years ago a friend of mine and I were doing cleaning. No one was around us, we were on our own. After a while a guest came in – a man dressed smartly and with an air of authority about him. He seriously asked where we were hiding his wife. Of course we were not hiding his wife. (There are some, including well-educated people, who still think that Protestants perform human sacrifice). After he received our answer he told us what position he held in the government and showed us his documents to prove it. From what he was saying we understood that his wife,

against his will, started to go to our church a few months previously and once she did not come back home. In this man's wife we recognized a young lady who had just become a new believer and was suffering a lot of physical and mental abuse from her husband.

The man threatened us by saying that he had the authority to close even the Orthodox Church here. He said that he would blow up the building and scatter our 'sect'. Although we bravely responded to him, saying that he could do only what God would allow, my body began tremble in fear. In my mind I knew God was with us, but what I saw and heard was doing its work inside my body – I was quaking. To conceal the tremble I had to squeeze arms of the chair I was sitting on. I do not remember how long we talked, but I do remember the pain in my muscles afterwards.



The man left us being very angry and we did not hear of him for several months when I met the lady in question. She told me that she had been in the mental hospital for a long time and that was why she could not contact anybody. Yet in those difficult circumstances she was able to keep her faith and trust the Lord. Then she said that her husband died not long after he had visited our church.....

By sharing this story I would like to encourage those who are in difficulties, in a struggle and who are oppressed by fear – God is with us all the time, even when our bodies tell us the opposite. Thank the Lord that we are not on the other side for “*the Lord detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: they will not go unpunished*” (Proverbs 16:5), but pray for those who are still there that they may have a privilege to become God’s loved people.

This article was submitted by a woman whose name we are unable to reveal at this time – she has asked to remain anonymous.

Women's Union in Progress in Sweden

By Aina Rasmussen

The Swedish church map is changing. The Swedish Baptist Union, the Methodist Church of Sweden, and the Swedish Mission Covenant Church decided in June 2011 to start a new church together. The vote was unanimous.

2007 the Swedish Baptist Women Union's board, SBKF, met with the Methodist Women's board, MKK. The early relationship felt good and continued to grow after a few follow-up meetings. Two years later the two boards met again to discuss the future and decided to contact the main steering committee for the new combined church. The reaction was positive. In November 2009 the same representatives from SBKF and MKK met with the gender-committee from the Mission Covenant Church, SMK. The meeting took place during half a day and included talking and praying. From this meeting it became clear that all parties wished to establish a women's organization for the new combined church. Two month later the real work started. A group with representatives from SBKF, MKK and SMK was formed. We all were convinced we would work together for a new common women's organization.



Important questions along the way



How to organize? What are the main tasks? How to administrate the inheritance from the old organizations? How to find out what are the needs for people around us today, nationally and globally? These kinds of questions are still driving us and we pray God to show us how to be a part in His work.

The main task is how to reach people in our days. Most members are middle-aged or older. How can we attract young people? In SBKF's history, we read again and again about the difficulties to get the young generations involved. They are, and have always

been, very busy. Maybe we have to accept that everything has its own time. We think women's groups are important and continue to do much good service in many ways in their own country as well as abroad.



The new women's organization started on the 27th of August this year. After a brief discussion the meeting voted for a name, Christian and Women, K&K, (in Swedish Kristen och Kvinna). An article of association was approved and a board was elected. Also a plan for the immediate months was settled. The meeting also decided to appoint a General Secretary. I was voted Chairwoman. Today the General Secretary (Anna Kettner) and I, myself work closely.

Here we are! The number of members is about seven hundred. Good enough to start with and the numbers grow every week. Work with regulations still takes lots of time. Newsletters are written and we visit strategic churches/places to tell people what's going on. The homepage also supplies information www.kristenochkvinna.se

For us Baptist women it has been very important to continue with our prioritized projects like camps for single mothers with children, scholarships to poor children/families in northern Thailand. Today we serve 300 children at four sites. In Congo we continue with our literacy project. Primarily, this helps women who haven't had opportunity to go to school. Through our project we help them learn reading and writing. Now they tell us *'we can read the bible at service and we can go to the local market and sell our agricultural produce without being swindled.'* These are some of our inherited projects but more will come in the future. The changes are very exciting. K&K is taking over all our projects but we choose working-groups for every single project to guarantee both quality and continuity. The Formal Swedish Baptist Women's Union came to an end 31 December 2011 but we are still in a process and we ask members to gather for a final annual meeting in May.

We hope that the new organization will give testimony about loving, sharing, and taking care of people in a loving way.

For Sweden with a growing population of non-believers we think these steps taken are meaningful. As Christian women we pray that God will use us in His plan.

Step by step we are moving forward to new challenges.



Testimony from Uzbekistan

I was born into a Muslim family of labourers in Uzbekistan. My parents were members of the communist party and were honest workers. My father was very strict but was often away on business and my mother played a key role in my upbringing. My mother believed in God in the way of Islam even though she was a member of the Communist party. She worked more than twenty years in managerial position for our government. She used her authority to help the poor and to the marginalized, giving them an opportunity to work and study. Even though she had a high position at work she was modest, never using her authority for personal gain and taught us to do the same.

When I was in first grade my father left the family and all the responsibility was on my mother. She became stricter with us because she tried to give the three children good upbringing and we did not have any need. She taught me many things: knitting, sewing, embroidery and cooking. Watching the life of my mother I can see her beauty and honest attitude to others. Her presence always brings joy and cosiness in our home. I thank God for my mother and I pray every day about her salvation, that He would reveal the truth to her.

I am the oldest and therefore became responsible for my two younger siblings when my mother was not home. My brother was always kind and shared what he had. In fifth grade he entered a military school and from that moment on, we did not see each other often. My sister and I became very close to each other when he left. She loved to sing various songs and write their lyrics on notebooks. Our grandmother had a major impact on our spiritual development. She feared God and was very sensitive to every human being regardless of their age. Every year I would spend my summer vacation in her house. She taught me to pray in Muslim manner and to obey the rules of this religion. My mother told me that during World War II, my grandmother would prepare food and share it with the neighbours. They would come to her house with their bowls and then she would distribute the food and bread to all according to the number of people in their families. Looking at my grandmother I admire her sacrificial heart.

Tashkent - Capital of Uzbekistan



From my childhood I wanted to understand if there is God. Once, when coming home from kindergarten I asked my mother, ‘Mom is there God?’ and she said, ‘Sometimes I believe that He is, but then some other times I don’t’. Despite this reply I tried to find something that would reveal to me the truth about God’s existence. As I grew older I would think about this subject more.

In my soul I had an assurance that He is and my desire to know Him more was growing inside of me. Watching my inner condition I began to notice that my knowledge was growing not from outside information that I was getting through literature and society, but from inner search. I learned to pray in my adolescence years and I began to call upon God and thank Him for everything that was happening to me and for all of His works in my life. The more I searched for Him the more He would reveal of Himself to me. Even though I was praying in Muslim manner and trying to keep rules of Islam, I wanted to know more about God and His character very much. After the standard morning prayer of Islam, I wanted to learn additional prayers. During this time of my life, I saw a bright movie poster and on it there was written ‘JESUS’ in capital letters and I wanted to see that movie. Every time as I was passing by movie theatres I would see that word with bright letters ‘JESUS’ and my desire to be there was growing more and more in my heart.

When my brother was away at the academy, someone told him about Jesus Christ and gave him a New Testament. He accepted Jesus without hesitation and began to pray for all of us, that we would also come to know Jesus Christ. In 1993 a Tajik woman named Shirinay came to our city. She preached about Jesus Christ in the University where my sister was studying at that time. When my sister heard the Gospel she also accepted Jesus in her heart as her personal Saviour. When she came home after that she told me about Jesus Christ and I accepted Him with gladness into my heart.

I learned that He is God's Son who was born of the Holy Spirit, died for my sins, rose on the third day and ascended into heaven. As I read my Bible every day God revealed His truth and in the light of that I saw my sinfulness and realization of this brought me to repentance. I asked for forgiveness and received forgiveness just the way God promised in His Word; that if we ask the Father in the name of Jesus Christ, He would give us the forgiveness that can only be obtained through Jesus. After I realized this in my heart, I opened a new page in my life and I began to live a new life. First of all I had peace with God, joy in my heart and freedom. Second, I had many friends now that also love God and want to serve Him; and so my life became more interesting. Third and most important for me, I now have assurance in the future and I look forward to meeting my Lord in heaven.

Two years after my repentance, I learned that Christians need to be baptized. I understood that it is important for those who have experienced salvation to be born of water and of the Spirit; and so immediately I wanted to be baptized in water. I spoke with the pastor and after two weeks of prayer and fasting, I was baptized. We must conduct our water baptisms in secret, usually at night with great caution. After my baptism, we gather in an apartment and pray, sing and glorify God, but whispering and not out loud. Despite threats and persecution, our church is growing. When my mother found out that I decided to follow Jesus Christ, she saw it as treason to our family's faith and for that reason I have been tested. I was thirsty to hear God's Word and tried not to miss any services at church. I wanted to tell all others about God's love but I understood that my mother would not like it. I had to create reasons to go to services that were conducted in other cities. Sometimes I was riding seven hours to be 40 minutes in a church service. I did not waste my time on the train and I tried to tell others about Jesus Christ. I would talk very loud on purpose, so that others could also hear the Good News. Some people would be interested and they would sit closer to our seats and they would ask questions and hearing my replies many would think deeply.

My mother was eventually called into the Department of Justice and was told that I was attending Christian meetings and they threatened to fire her from her position. That evening was very hard for me; she beat me with her fists until I was bleeding, she pulled out chunks of my hair and I had wounds all over my body. I thought that

my jaw was broken. That night I had to sleep sitting up because of the pain. When I was beaten I was silently praying to God to give me strength and would pray this prayer again and again and after every hit I would say 'Praise to God, praise to God'. During these times I would remember some places in Scripture where it says not to be afraid of those that can kill the body, but not the soul. I thought, 'let my body suffer, the important thing is that nobody can steal from me the One who is in my heart'. I was looking at my mother and I had pity for her. She could not understand me and I asked God to forgive her and not to count against her this sin. Every time she found out that I had been attending a Christian meeting, I was beaten. The police also began to harass me. They came to my work place and strictly warned me not to attend meetings. They told me that I could study at home but not attend church meetings. For our safety, the congregation would often change the place of our meetings.



Over time, the beatings from my mother stopped when she realized that I was not going to stop attending Christian gatherings and that I was actually living a life where God's blessing was evident. I still had times of doubts and difficulties, testing and temptations. There was one difficult time when I began to think about the Koran's truth. At that time my heart began to incline toward Islam, but I could not reject Christ. I can give glory to

God that I had my brothers and sisters by my side at that time. They supported me and interceded before God for me in prayers. In this testing I realized how much it is important for me to be faithful to the Lord and if one loses his/her faith it will be worse than the first. I realized that when my grandmother was dying, she was buried according to Muslim customs and since I was her close relative I had to participate in the Muslim prayers. At that time I again was immersed into Muslim world and felt with my heart the misleading and lying of this teaching. Also I saw the contrast between these two religions. After experiencing that I am now standing strong on the foundation of Jesus Christ and want to be found faithful to Him only. I think that God had a purpose in letting me to go through that testing. Now I can understand and have compassion on those that do not know the truth and I know how to direct them to the way of truth.

After reading the Word of God I began to think, ‘Why did God create me?’ In time God revealed to me that He created me for His glory. To glorify God, in my opinion, was to present a correct view of Him; to do His will in this world so that other people would see in my life a glorification of God. I began to search and ask God to reveal to me my ministry. In time God began to reveal and entrust me with ministry. Our pastor has asked me to prepare and deliver sermons. I was responsible for the library of our house group and assigning various readings with homework. I have also lead our quiet worship services with my guitar. From my early childhood I have had sympathy with the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the ones without family, the lonely and the orphans. Our congregation visits nursing homes and hospitals. Our pastor’s wife leads a regular work in a psychiatric hospital. I will never forget those experiences when I have travelled with her and found hungry patients locked behind rusty bars and empty brick walls looking out through glassless windows. The patients of this hospital call her ‘mom’ and when they see us coming; they gather together saying “mom, our mom is here’. Our small group tries to feed and clothe them as best we can but our resources are limited. We also distribute spiritual literature, sing songs, tell them about Christ and pray with them. Every time I come back from the hospital, I cannot think about anything but those people. God has placed in my heart the desire to help them and for this reason I have gone to various organizations asking for help. Our church collects as much as we can for them but our people live in poor conditions. We gather enough for a monthly trip but we desire to visit the patients more frequently.



From the start of my Christian life, I have wanted a spiritual education. In our church, I had many responsibilities and for that reason, our pastor did not want to let me leave. I eventually found a distance learning program which allowed me to study the Bible. The more I studied, the more I realized how limited was my knowledge. The more I studied, the thirstier I became. I learned that there was an opportunity for me to study in Eurasian Theological Seminary in Moscow. I began to pray that God would let me be admitted. But, I would have to choose between a prestigious job with good salary or to study at the seminary. In spite of the obstacles I was sure that it was God’s will for me to study further ...

This article was written by a student. For reasons of security the name is withheld.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Prayers

Pray for the Karen National Union (KNU) in Burma.

From 15th December 2011 thousand of villagers found themselves in trouble; they have had to flee their homes, and are in hiding in the jungle and are still there today, Jan.2012, because of the Burmese military. Pray for these

displaced Karen people. Please pray for our KNU General Secretary who is a woman, the first woman leader among men, that God will give her strength, knowledge and wisdom and that the Holy Spirit of God will dwell in her and protect her.

Pray for Uzbekistan and our brothers and sisters there where it is difficult to live as a Christian. Pray that God will bless the talks the EBF and BWA delegation had with the government officials, that there will be some good results and blessings from that visit in September 2011.

Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters living in the Moslem world, that their faith would be strong in spite of the many difficulties they face. Pray that they would know the close presence of the Lord with them constantly and be encouraged.

Pray for AWT ministries in Amman/Jordan. AWT is committed to taking the gospel to Arab women through radio program and website. They are also committed to training and discipling women church leaders in order for them to multiply their ministries.

Pray for the Vilande Baby School in Latvia. So much opportunities to evangelize!

EBF asks prayer for: God's mission as it is progressing in the economically deprived, yet enjoying religious freedom, Baltic nations. The Baptists of Latvia have adopted the goal of planting 100 new congregations by 2020. They are virtually utilizing the great advantage of independence that the Latvian people have enjoyed during the last two decades.

Personal Prayers

For Patsy Davis and her brother. It was necessary for her brother (78) to close his house in another State and move in with his sister Patsy due to health reasons. Both are thankful that they have each other to help one another, yet it is a hard issue to leave everything behind, moving to another State.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For Regina Claas, General Secretary of Germany, whose brother died suddenly in August 2011. Please keep the family in your prayers.

For Lauran Bethell, who mourns for her father who was deceased in November 2011.

For Didi and Teddy Oprenov, for all the work they are doing for the Lord in Bulgaria.

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Give Thanks

For the organizers of the Estonian Conference in Tallinn, October 6-9 2011. They all did an excellent job in organizing wonderful days for all attendees.

For the offering of the Day of Prayer 2011. The money is so much needed.

For the wonderful wedding day of our President Livija and her husband Sigurds in August 2011.

EVENTS

Pray for Events:

- ♦ March 2-10, 2012. For the EBWU annual meeting of the Committee in Moscow.
- ♦ March 7- 8, 2012. For the Russian Conference in Moscow.
- ♦ March 20-22, 2012. EBF asks prayer for the Annual Incarnate Church Planter's Gathering in Derbyshire, England. For growth of new church plants, development of the program for training indigenous leaders and efficient use of new opportunities. www.incarnate-network.eu
- ♦ March 19-23 , 2012. CEBTS Studentweek IBTS in Prague.
- ♦ Summer 2012: for all the Baptist summer camps.
- ♦ November 15 -18, 2012 EBWU Regional Conference in France.



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THE LATEST NEWS

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for the beautiful greeting from the EBWU on this Day of Prayer 2011.

I have been spending a quiet morning at home reading through the program and remembering my sisters around the world in thought and prayer.

When I came to the computer to send a few notes to friends I have met through our worldwide Baptist women's fellowship, I found your greeting. This prompted me to go to the EBWU website and, for the last hour or so, I have been "lost" in Europe and the Middle East while reading the reports and articles that I found there. It is all so interesting to me.

I was especially delighted to find recent and archival copies of the News and Views there. Your website is attractively done and very "user-friendly". Thank you and Warm Greetings to all.

With love in Christ,

*Audrey Morikawa,
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