



Christmas 2015 - New Year's 2016

Dear ECM Partners and Friends,

"...The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.'" Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)

It has been said that, "the greatness of a life can be measured by one's reaction to the greatness of a moment..." and *this* was the most significant moment that changed the history of the world! Yet, most of the world was not even aware how God, because of His great love for us, had foretold many times through his prophets that He would send a Savior, His own Son, to all mankind. This is the same message we preach through Estonian Christian Ministries (ECM). It seems that now the whole world is getting ready for an even greater event - the second coming of Jesus for the believers and for the end of this world.

It takes faith to believe in the Christmas message in our present world, yet Christmas is our assurance that in spite of the economical, political and spiritual mess, Christ is still on the throne. These are truly unusual and exciting days to be living in. Recently Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the United Nation's General Assembly that "Biblical prophecies are being realized." Biblical mysteries, riddles and prophecies are coming to light and look like fulfillment of the closeness of the end times. Even secular scientists are warning about mega-earthquakes, tsunamis, disasters of massive tornados and solar storms unheard of before, as in part, already have taken place.

In the political arena we are all shocked over the tensions and the fact that the whole world seems to be on the verge of possible economic collapse; what is happening in Muslim countries and is spilling over into the rest of the world; the vicious, extensive and extreme persecution of Christians and Jews; and the multitude of refugees, infiltrated by terrorists, pouring into Europe, along with the occupation of the EU by Muslims. In light of all this, it is urgent that our personal relationship with the Son of God is right. *"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."* John 1:12

Some of you have asked how the "Lego-block ministry" in Estonia with the Child Evangelism is going and here we thank those of you who so graciously contributed towards this. Ülle, their director, wrote that they have acquired about a third of the needed legos so far. The word is getting around that kids are learning Bible stories through the building of bridges, temples and foundations for their life by building with legos and this has really spurred the interest of many, especially boys, to come to the Good News club meetings.

Ülle continues by saying that "in December we have several seminars in various cities of Estonia to further train, give information and encouragement to children's workers both for churches, for Sunday schools, as well as ministering in public schools and kindergartens. The leaders are very grateful for this. During the Advent season they are featuring the Christmas story in kindergartens, which gives us wonderful opportunities to share the true meaning of Jesus coming to the world. In connection with that, we are able to contribute a three part book "Every day with your Bible" that the kids are eager to receive." We here in Denver thank God for this effective Child Evangelism outreach and covet your extensive prayer and support for this vital opportunity through ECM.

From the Eelim Church in Tallinn we learned that God has given Pastor Olius and his wife Marijana Thaling much wisdom as they have had to deal with some difficult situations of false doctrine that had infiltrated the congregation. After searching the Scriptures, much prayer, counseling and eliminating this, the Lord has begun blessing the church again in a new way. Let's praise the Lord for this!

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Pastor Olius' assistant, Tanel and his wife Katrin are very valuable with their many God-given talents. They are most grateful for the financial gift which they received for Christmas that some of you are contributing towards the support for their growing family.

At this time of the year, the *Pereraadio* (Family Radio) www.pereraadio.com in Estonia, as in the States, plays a lot of Christmas music and programming and they do this right into the Epiphany or what in Estonia is called "Three Kings Day," celebrated on the sixth of January in churches. Thus Christmas carols are still sung and played on the radio. We praise God that many people turn to *Pereraadio* and hear the message of Jesus Christ. Pray with us that their hearts will be open to receive Him.

Another prayer request for *Pereraadio* is that the aging studios and transmitter equipment increasingly needs repairs and updating. Also a large mixer-board needs extensive overhaul and we continue to need your faithful support with the regular operating expenses and salaries.

This has been a rather complicated and unexpectedly difficult year for us here in Denver. As most of you know, for some time Endel has been seriously ill on and off, including having congestive heart failure. It has required him to spend much more time in hospitals, rehab, and on his sickbed at home. Unfortunately this also means being away from his office duties - like getting newsletters out "on time" for Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year - thus this letter will have to cover them all. Gloria, as always, has been taking care of the office and is the main caregiver, besides nurses and eight specialists/physicians. We do praise the Lord that the serious bacterial infection of cellulitis on Endel's foot and leg, with its horrible pain, swelling and redness seems to finally be cleared and the wound almost healed!

We are so appreciative to each one who has been praying, sending cards and calling during these difficult days and has also helped financially to take care of the ECM commitments in Estonia. Thank you! Bless you!

As we enter the New Year, 2016, may we be faithful in building up the Kingdom of God while there is yet time and be ready to meet Jesus when He comes. *"For you know very well that the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and Safety," destruction will come on them suddenly... But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief."* 1Thessalonians 5:2-4

Wishing you a blessed late Christmas and a wonderfully healthy and Prosperous New Year!
In His love,

Endel and Mairy Gloria Meiusi

P.S.

It may be of interest to you that for about the last six years I (Mairy Gloria) have been writing a book about the earlier years of my life: ... *"My thoughts go back to that first Christmas when we were under communist rule. There was to be no holiday on December twenty-fifth. No Christmas!?! We couldn't believe it! It was to be just another work and school day. In Estonia nearly everyone used to go to church on Christmas Eve... That year especially, young people and children in cities and towns were being watched and, in some cases, patrols stood at the door and their names were written down if they dared to enter a church... Could we even have a Christmas tree? I wondered... Quietly, we sang the familiar Christmas carols: Silent Night, Holy Night... Papa read the beloved Christmas story from the Bible. Then we knelt around our tiny tree - the symbol of Christmas with its white live candles flickering and glowing in the dark room like the light of Jesus shining in the darkened world tonight. Suddenly I felt warm inside- such peace, joy- the love of Jesus. His presence was here. No communist rule could keep out the light of Christmas from our hearts..."*

These are just little excerpt from the book which is just being typeset at Redemption Press, Inc., right now and should be in print sometime after the new year. If you are interested to read "the rest of the story" of *"My Father's Guiding Hand"* (by M. Gloria Meiusi) you can soon order a copy on line, or by sending any amount of donation to ECM and asking for it.

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