

The BRIGGS Family

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LATVIA



Dear Friends,

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Just today, September 19th, our Latvian foster-son, Monvids, became a father! His wife, Alice, gave birth to a big baby boy, and they named him Richards. We are so thankful for a healthy baby and healthy mom.

Tomas is in school at Calvary Baptist Academy in Midland, Michigan. We are so thankful for that church and the opportunity for Tomas to graduate from there in the spring, Lord willing. He and Linda have been in Michigan for eight weeks, and I am going to join them soon. I will be with them for a while, and, in January, I will return to Latvia to check in on the work and do some preaching. God once again has provided someone to take care of our home in our absence. Not only one young family that is in need of a home to live in, but two families! They will stay in our home and take care of our dog while I travel back and forth. I will return to Michigan for Tomas' high school graduation and Emily's college graduation and wedding in the spring. Please keep Tomas in your prayers as he makes his decision as to what to study and the college to attend.

I was grateful to be able to take part in the first day of school ceremonies again this year at Aizupes School. I was given a few minutes to speak and pray with students, parents and teachers. Keep Antra in your prayers, she will be working at the school every day teaching a Bible class for first through third graders. Pray for her courage and persistence.

Our Sunday School has begun a new year. We have some new teachers this year and are thankful the Lord has called them to the work. Let's pray for more kids! We have a new family joining our church this month, they will add another three. As a church, we celebrated Latvian Father's Day in September with our annual barbeque and had a few first time visitors.

Through a generous gift, we were able to finish the translation project of the first Warren Wiersbe's "BE" series book, "Be Rich," on the book of Ephesians into the Latvian language. Linda has been working to find avenues to advertise the e-book that is for sale on Amazon. God has opened the door at Latvian Christian Radio, the Christian Bookstore and on a new website for Ladies Ministries in Latvia. God also opened the door to offer another Bible Study that we had translated many years ago for women to be placed on this website for use in private or small groups. Please pray that God will continue to open doors for this book to reach many people and that we can continue to translate more of the series. We have started the second book in the series, "Be Comforted," on the book of Isaiah. Please pray for Agnese as she begins translation and for the sale of the first book.

While home on this short furlough, Linda and I are planning to spend time studying a course for pastors and lay leaders in the church on Biblical Counseling. Pray for us as we study that God would use what we learn as we minister to our family, friends, community and our church.

We would like to thank those of you who responded to our email request or phone call to begin receiving our quarterly update letters by email. There are only a few of our prayer partners and churches with whom we have not been able to get in contact. May we politely ask that if you received this letter by mail, but are willing to receive them in the future by email that you contact us at heybriggs@gmail.com and provide the name of your church, city and current email address to ensure delivery of our next prayer letter in January. We so appreciate your help during this transition.

I am happy to have some churches scheduled to visit while home. If you would like a visit, let me know. I am always glad to give an update on the work here in Latvia. Pray for safety as I travel, for souls to be saved and workers called into the field. Pray for the men here in Latvia who will be preaching and teaching in my place. Thank you to all who pray and give so that we can serve in Latvia. We appreciate you very much.

In Christ, Andy and Linda Briggs

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