

EMERGENCY MISSION TEAMS

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MEET NIKOLAI VASJUTIN

PREACHING IN TARTU, ESTONIA

I first met Nikolai in late 1995. He and his wife Olga are the parents of Anna who at the time was a 3rd grade student. (She recently finished her Masters degree at North Texas in Denton, TX). Anna was attending a private school that had begun a Bible curriculum. Kate Gridneva (our first baptized believer in Tallinn) was Asst. Director of the school and had invited us to teach the teachers the Bible. We also met with the students to tell Bible stories and to help them in English language study.

Anna invited me to her home to meet her parents and to eat a meal. The first visit was an opportunity to ask her parents about their relationship with God. They said they did not "*believe in God*" as they were raised in communism and had no reason to believe. They said they were not "*interested*". After 3-4 visits they told me that Anna was asking questions about the Bible that they could not answer. They asked

“will you teach us the Bible”. This led to weekly Bible studies over the following months. In 1996 I was able to recruit Ron & Judy Warpole to move to Tallinn as missionaries for the congregation that God had blessed us in starting in the fall of 1994. After a short time I asked Ron to attend the Bible studies with Nikolai & Olga (Anna helped with translation). Over the following months Ron & Judy continued the Bible studies and within a year Nikolai and Olga obeyed the gospel. They requested to be *“married”* first, as they had only been married by the state. No God, No Bible.. just sign the form and they were married. They wanted God to be the central One in their marriage and in their lives. They were married and baptized on the same day. Over the years since that day they began to study God’s word they have both grown in the knowledge of our Lord and His gospel.

Today Nikolai is the local preacher in the Tallinn congregation and rotates with us (as we preach via Video Conferencing) with the congregation in Tartu. He travels to Tartu every two to three weeks in order to be with the congregation in person,

Nikolai is training young men in Tallinn to follow in his steps in preaching and teaching God’s word. Olga is an excellent Bible teacher for both children and women.

CLASSES AND PREACHING IN ICELAND CONTINUES

I am so blessed to continue to teach daily Bible classes every morning and afternoon in Iceland (via Video conferencing) and to preach in the rotation in Tartu, Estonia. My thanks to Paul Shero (San Angelo, TX) Bill Holt (Holly Lake, TX) & Jerry Cantrell (Deatsville, AL) who continue to rotate in the preaching in Iceland each Sunday and for Paul and Jerry who help out in Tartu as well. The doctors tell me that my health is very good. Except for the severe fatigue that plagues me about 2-3 days every week, I feel that I am doing really well. Lovetas *“has her days”* too but overall is doing pretty well.

I have been blessed to teach a class on the person & work of the Holy Spirit here at the church in New Brighton. We also just finished an overview of the book of Revelation. Every couple of months or so I am privileged to preach when our local preacher is out of town.

***May God bless each of you who support us financially and/or in prayers.
Without you we would not be able to keep teaching God’s word every day.***

Love in Christ
Royce & Loveta

