

March 13, 2008

## **Please Welcome Your New Brother in Estonia!**

*Dear All ...*

***Rejoice with us in Estonia! We have a new brother in Christ!***

***His name is Jura (Yura) Laats.*** At approximately 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Nikolai took Jura's profession of faith as the two of them stood in the waters of baptism. Jura was then buried with Christ, where by faith his sins were taken away by His Savior. Jura came up out of the water rejoicing and praising God.

*Until a few weeks ago, Jura knew nothing about the plan of salvation prepared for Him. Stas invited Jura to Nikolai and Olga's house one Friday evening in December, to enjoy the fellowship of other young working professionals. At that time Jura thought he was an atheist, but as he was welcomed into this new circle of friends, he warmed to the idea of hearing what they had to say about God and the gift of salvation. Jura's faith began to grow as he studied the Bible with Nikolai and listened to his new friends share the word of God with Him.*

*Jura, who is 35 years old, works for a metal casting company. His home address is Jura Laats, Oismae 44-8, 13572 Tallinn, Estonia. He worships with the church in Tallinn each Sunday and spends as much time as possible with those he now calls brothers and sisters in Christ. He loves to sing and looks forward to serving. Join us in praying for Jura that he will grow in faith and in all ways pleasing to our Lord.*



***New Brother, Jura Laats***



***Jura is Baptized***



*Jura Loves to Sing*



*Brothers and Sisters*

*Please keep Nikolai and Olga in your prayers as they travel to Texas to see their daughter Anna who is working on her master's degree at the University of North Texas in Denton. Nikolai and Olga will fly to Texas on Thursday, March 13. They will return to Tallinn on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The two Sundays they will be in Texas, they will worship with the church on McDermott Road in Plano. The McDermott Road elders have just this year assumed Nikolai's oversight. He and Olga are anxious to meet and express their gratitude to those who love and pray for the church in Estonia.*

*Last Saturday the Tallinn congregation hosted our **Spring Youth Rally**. The date was March 8<sup>th</sup> which is celebrated in this part of the world as International Women's Day. The youth from the Asunduse Street congregation, the youth from the Estonian language group that meets in another location, plus two who were able to come from Tartu enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship, an excursion to the new art museum, ice skating, and—most importantly—lessons and devotional thoughts about the importance of women in the church family.*



*Spring Youth Rally*



*Youth Prayers, Pickle Sandwiches*

*May God bless all of you! The churches of Christ in Tallinn and Tartu greet you with tender affection and gratitude for your prayers and your love!*

*Ron & Judy*