

NEWS from ESTONIA
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CELEBRATING the first 9 DAYS of the 9th MONTH OF 2009

Greetings and our love to all of you who are reading this!

We think of you! We miss you! We pray for you! We thank God for you!

The first 9 days of the 9th month of 2009 have been filled with answered prayers ... and we want to share them with you.

KATE (our sister in the Tallinn church since 1994) **OPENED THE DOORS OF HER NEW PRIVATE SCHOOL** on the 1st of September—the day when all school doors open in the country of Estonia. Kate's sister Nataly said, "I looked in my prayer journal and saw that on October 28, 2008, I had written, 'Dear God, please help Kate to find just the right building for her school so that all will be ready for the 2009 school year.'" We join Nataly (and, in fact, all of Kate's family and friends) in rejoicing that God answered this prayer and many others so that in less than one year a building was found, purchased, government permits obtained, fully renovated and restored, and ready to open its doors on September 1! We stand amazed! Kate and her sister Nataly plus two of her teachers—TJ and Vika—are members of our Tallinn church family.

Then on 09.09.2009 at 9:09 in the morning the Grand Opening ceremonies were held in the auditorium. The head of the national Department of Education was there to make his official comments ... and the ribbon was cut. God is so good and we all thank Him over and over again. Kate, who has worked diligently and enthusiastically, gives God the glory for each day's blessings! Kate and we are praying for ways to interact with the parents and children to bring them closer and into a saved relationship with Jesus.

[Here is a Webshots Album of 36 photos with captions under each photo for you to enjoy.](#)

Rejoice with the church in Estonia because of another answered prayer.

ANNA VASJUTINA HAS RETURNED HOME TO ESTONIA. She graduated and received her Master's degree in Business at the University of North Texas. She was with us for the Grand Opening of Kate's school (see her photo in the Webshots Album). She began first grade as a student in Kate's class (it was Kate's first year of teaching). And, as many of you remember, Kate was the first to be baptized into Christ when Jesus added her to the congregation He was going to build in Tallinn. Soon after Kate, Vika was baptized, then Anna's parents—Nikolai and Olga—then TJ. We have been blessed to watch Jesus add and add and add over the years. May He continue to add. May we continue to pray and look for opportunities to share His message of salvation.

COMING UP

- Royce Sartain will be with us from September 23 through October 23. He will be the guest speaker at the Fall Retreat.
- October 2 and 3 – our Fall Retreat at the campsite. We will be celebrating the 15th anniversary of the church of Christ in Estonia.
- October 4, Sunday – the 15th anniversary celebration in worship. The church will assemble for worship at Kate's school.

So, until it is time to share the events between now and the end of our 15th anniversary, we send our love to each of you, joining with Paul (Philippians 1:4-6), to "always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Ron & Judy

P.S. We sent a 4-page email Newsletter with photos on 23 August 2009. We received feedback that some email servers could not receive it because it was too big. If you did not receive it, and would like to, please let us know and we will divide/send in 4 parts. Now that we know this is not a good way to send Newsletters and photos, we are trying the Webshots Album.