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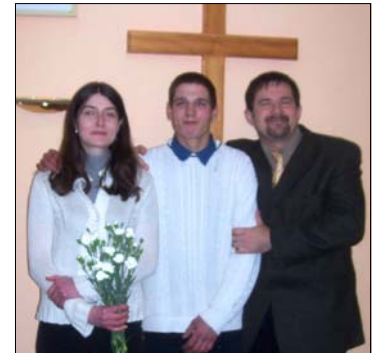
... Bruce & Natalie Tuttle

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Thank you so very much for your prayers! Though we have many things to relate to you, the likelihood that you will read this newsletter is much greater if it is restricted to one page. We have recently sent a number of emergency prayer requests via email. If you've not received them, please let us know whether we may contact you quickly, when necessary by email. Here are two areas of recent blessings!

LATVIA -- Igor and Ira Langfrid's new church work in Liepaja is difficult, but not always discouraging. God is producing fruit. A growing number of people are inquiring about their ministry, visitors have been coming to the worship services, and a young man and woman recently trusted Christ! They are now asking Igor to give them a Christian wedding. Please continue to pray for the Langfrid family and this young church – its outreach, its need for a more permanent building, and its growing spiritual outreach, health and strength.

Both Igor and an American missionary friend he has met in Latvia are asking whether we could bring some seminars to Latvia so they could begin to train Latvian men for the gospel ministry. We're eager to help them, as God might direct.



TURKMENISTAN -- We very recently sent out an emergency appeal for you to pray for our Turkmen brothers and sisters. "River", "Hope", "Eagle" and other precious friends have come under a very serious threat of death. The ruling elders (Muslim) of their village have decided that these believers are dangerous and must be stopped. They have told the people that they must harass and even kill the pastors and other believers. Of course, the danger believers are facing is heightened if they are found witnessing in their villages and the surrounding communities.



Turkmen in their native dress

In our communications with River and Hope, they insist that we should not worry for them, they ask that we continue to pray for their safety, but especially for the salvation of the elders of the village, and that we also pray for many of the more recent believers, who are living in fear, afraid to venture out to worship services or even to fellowship with other believers because of the danger and intensity of this fresh wave of persecution.

Still, in the midst of the trials and persecutions there is great blessing. River recently wrote this incredible, heart-warming, thrilling news. It was sent to missionary Tim Smith, who passed it along to us:

"Since the threats and persecutions began after the death of our sister in the Lord, we have felt the prayers of thousands of our brothers and sisters around the world. Before this situation took place we battled feelings at times that we were the only ones involved in this battle, but through this trial, God has shown me that I am not alone in this fight, and that the fight is not mine, but God's. Over the last two weeks we have seen 7 Muslims come to faith in Jesus Christ! These seven souls alone are worth the trials we face. We thank God for this trial."

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us (Romans 8:35 & 37).

Your very grateful fellow-laborers,

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