

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

**NOVEMBER 2016** 

## "AND HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT US"

What possible good can come out of suffering? How can persecution result in praise? You have only to visit our brothers and sisters in Christ who live in Estonia to find answers to these and a multitude of similar questions that may be asked of those who have "gone through the fires of persecution."

Estonia is a young nation politically, but generations old in spirit. It was conquered in World War II and occupied by foreign powers up until the dissolution of the Soviet Socialist Republic in the late 1989s and early 1900s. It became an independent nation in 1991—the youngest nation on planet earth.

When we travelled there in October to conduct a seminar on Healing and Wholeness, we went at the invitation of Thea Kant, wife of Rev. Kaupo Kant, an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. We had also received invitation from District Superintendent, Taavi Hollman.

We encountered a people who had suffered persecution, denial of basic human rights and shortage of survival needs as well as denial of basic freedoms that we take for granted: assembly, speech, movement and protest. Families and groups were often infiltrated by persons who spied on them and reported them to the appropriate controlling offices. Even after 25 years of independence, there was a residual level of caution in sharing a person's thoughts.

However, in the midst of all that, we encountered a people with strong faith and deep love for the Lord Jesus Christ.. Their church buildings may have been bombed and bulldozed into obliteration, their houses and lands may have been confiscated and their families scattered, but no power on earth could rob them of their faith in Jesus and their love for God.

The United Methodist Church in Tartu was bombed during the war and the remains of the buildings were bulldozed and the land cleared of any evidence that a church once stood there. However! A small white, iron fence marked the lower edge of the property that acted as a barrier between the higher and lower levels of the property. The fence was left standing. A se-

ries of small iron crosses were a part of the fence design, crosses that let the people know where their church once stood, but also as a reminder that the presence of the resurrected Christ could not be bull-dozed away.

Though reserved at first in verbally sharing their faith with others, once given permission to do so in a safe place, the stories began to come to the surface. Those stories always embodied the word "hope." Though they—especially the older generation, had gone through the years of foreign occupation and horrible mistreatment by the German and Russian powers, they never lost hope—and their hope did not disappoint them.

They experienced what the Apostle Paul wrote about in his letter to the church in Rome: "We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character, and character hope. And hope does not disappoint us because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." Romans 5:4,,5

Our church family there was eager for us to tell and remind them about the healing power of God. As a result, many experienced healing of the hurts that were directly related to the years of occupation. Others experienced healing of their weariness and burdened down spirits. Others were delivered of their bitterness and resentments that had developed toward other people—especially of the Russian people who were now living with them as citizens of Estonia.

We witnessed the dynamic healing, restoring, loving and reconciling work of God's Holy Spirit as many were released from these invisible prisons into a new freedom in their walk with Jesus. Praise his Name! lle

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Pastor Kaupo Kant ministering to two women during one of our workshops at the Healing Seminar in Tallin.

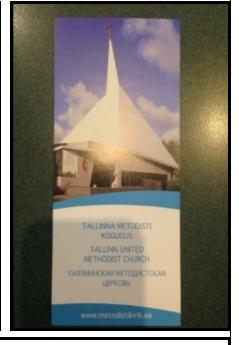


The Participants in the Healing Seminar at the Tallin United Methodist Church. There were forty two persons who attended the full seminar with others there part time.



Pastor Kaupo and Thea Kant with Larry Eddings who led our team of ten for the Healing Seminar

The Tallin United Methodist Church where the Estonia Healing Seminar was held on the dates of October 13-16, 2016. Pastor Toomas Pajusoo was the host pastor for the event. Eight pastors from around the city and district attended and expressed a desire that a future seminar be held for pastors of the conference who are then equipped to return to their local churches to train their laity in healing ministry. They have a heart for bringing healing to the people of their country.





The U.S. Team that traveled to Estonia to conduct the Healing Seminar consisted [from L to R] of: Bob and Tracy Martello, Larry Eddings, Brian Clark, Joleen and Gary Wright, Jane Petter, Donna Kirkpatrick, Kathleen Hylkema and Beth Clark. What an anointed team!

The Holy Spirit worked through each team member's gifts to help bring healing and wholeness to our brothers and sisters in Estonia.

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#### **JUNE 2017 HEALING SEMINAR AT SILVERDALE**

A three day *Healing Seminar* has been planned for the dates of June 22-24. The Rev. David and Josie Sablan, Administrative Pastor of the St. John UMC in Quezon City, Philippines, will be with us to help teach in the Seminar. He will preach at the Sunday morning worship service at the Silverdale UMC on June 25. David will also be leading workshops at the *Aldersgate Renewal Ministries' Confer* ence on the Holy Spirit that will be held in Lexington, KY on the dates of June 28-July 2, 2017. You will not want to miss these opportunities to meet and hear them.

#### FEBRUARY-MARCH, 2017 ELLINGTONS RETURN

We are excited about the return of Jeremy and Joy Ellington in February to continue their relationship here with Wind of the Spirit Ministries. During their time in India they have been busy teaching and training in the spir-

They have also committed themselves to taking some courses for their own continuing education through Ash Bible College, Joy's Alma Mater. It is a leadership course moving towards a PhD in Ministry.

Let us continue to keep them in prayer as they train their local leadership and as they continue with their own educational endeavors.

#### PRAYER NEEDS FOR THE SABLANS

David Sablan is involved in several ministry events beyond his pastoral duties at the St. John UMC in Quezon City, where he serves as Administrative Pastor.

November 12. David will be speaking for the United Methodist Women [WSCS] event at the Kamuning UMC. Larry was at this church in July with Bishop Rudy Juan and Bishop Turio. Pray for the church's unity in Christ.

November 15. David will speak at the Pastor's Retreat in Porac, Pampanga.

Prayers are also requested regarding the purchase of the church lot on which the St. John Mission church is located in Montalban—that all the papers be processed and money be raised to secure the property.

The medical team that went to the Philippines in July conducted a clinic in the Mission Church in Montalban. Many came from the area to receive medical attention. The mission church is planted in an area of real need. Let us remember to keep them in prayer in this mission outreach.

# PRAYER SEMINAR IN Ft. Payne, AL

Larry will be conducing a prayer seminar at he Asbury UMC in Ft. Payne, AL on December 2-4. Taylor Gallman is host pastor. Please remember to keep seminar in prayer.

### **ALDERSGATE, 2017 IN LEXINGTON, KY**

Larry has been invited by the Aldersgate Renewal Ministries leadership to lead one of the Equipping Sessions at the 2017 Aldersgate Conference.

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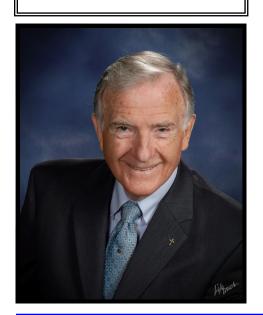
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Ephesians.4:11



# MINISTRY CALENDAR

#### PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES Eddings Email address: woseddings@msn.com

NOVEMBER	Teach and Lead Workshop on Hearing God's
5	Voice, Katie Fortune Seminars, Kingston, WA
NOVEMBER 11,12	SEMINAR ON HOLY SPIRIT AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS Meridian, ID
14,16	Speak at GRACE Chapel Services, Meridian ID
DECEMBER	PRAYER SEMINAR, Ft. Payne, AL
2-4	Pastor Taylor Gallman, Asbury UMC
FEBRUARY	MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS SEMINAR
22-25	Silverdale United Methodist, Silverdale, WA
JUNE 22-24	HEALING SEMINAR, Silverdale, WA Rev. David Sablan, Jeremy and Joy Ellington, teachers.