

Gifts of Grace



Greetings Our Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great Joy that I am writing you about God's mission work through Gifts of Grace Ministries in Lithuania. Even though these are unprecedented times in our world, we have been able to continue helping those in need in the Birzai area. Over the following pages you will find a summary of what all has taken place the past couple of years.

We have been blessed to be able to continue the Christmas gift project. Through your continued dedication, donations, and love; the children, the handicapped center, and the Nursing home residents have received their gift boxes throughout the pandemic. Thank you so very much for all of your help. Also, a big thanks goes out to our loved ones in Lithuania and Estonia who helped to make the distribution happen. This year we will be sending the gifts over again and hoping that we will be able to travel and distribute the gifts ourselves.

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As all of you are aware, Putin's war continues in Ukraine, which is a great concern of ours, and we are trying to help where help is needed. We have held a couple of fundraisers for the refugees that have fled to Lithuania and to the Birzai region. The funds are being distributed by Pagalbos Centras (Help Center) director, Regina Zidonienė. Regina and the other ladies employed by the center, go out and purchase items needed for the refugee families. These items have included food, shoes, clothes, school supplies, school books, home furnishings, and other basic items needed for everyday life. At this time there are 100 refugees living in Birzai and over 56,000 in Lithuania. Not only were we able to help refugees in the Birzai area, but we were able to help refugees in Estonia. Since our Dear Pastor Andrus and Jelena are now living in Estonia, we were able to help with the refugees that they are helping to serve as well. Andrus and Jelena made up medical boxes for the families that are coming into their area. Please keep all those we serve and love in your prayers as this area is facing some very uncertain times.



Our Village Family projects continue as well. One of the projects has been a new roof for a family. We are so happy and proud of this family, as they installed the roof themselves, with only our help with the cost of the materials. And it looks beautiful! They have bought this home and it needs lots of love, but the roof was a must before they could continue with repairs inside. It's wonderful working together in this way.

One of the other family projects has several steps before being finished. The first step was to have a well drilled for this family. This is now complete and the next step is to install water into the house and then have a bathroom installed for the family of 6. We are looking forward to giving this family a healthier life and hopefully expand to other families in the future. Clean, running water in their homes is so very important.

Another thing we were able to sponsor this summer is a family camp. This camp was in a lovely area outside of Birzai by a river. The staff of Pagalbos Centras will be carrying out this project. They have many things planned for the children and the parents and will be having Bible study each morning and evening. We are very thankful that God has made a way for Gifts of Grace to still be a part of this ministry even when we are unable to be there in person.

I wrote earlier that Pastor Andrus and Jelena are now living in Estonia. We have supported them in their mission projects for many years while they were living in Lithuania and we hope, if the opportunity arises, that we will be able to continue to support them in their mission work wherever they go. For the past several years they have supported us in our mission work in Birzai and we have built a strong and loving relationship with these two beautiful souls and lovers of Jesus Christ. So, we pray that God will keep our paths together.



Unfortunately, because of the unrest of the region, we will be unable to travel this summer. We know that God will use our monetary support and prayers to help those in need while we cannot physically be with them.

We give God all the Glory and Praise for all these projects, and we Give God Thanks for all of your support to Gifts of Grace Ministries. Please be in prayer for our loved ones in this area of the world and for the mission efforts God has laid before us.

With all God's Blessings
~Libby Myers and Gifts of Grace Ministries



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ONGOING PROJECTS AND FUNDRAISERS

Christmas Boxes

We have new boxes this year!!! They are 11% bigger!

Dates to remember:

- **July 23 - box distribution begins**
- **September 17- completed boxes due**

**If you would like to adopt a child or need more information please contact Libby at:
libby@giftsofgrace.us**

AFTERNOON TEA FEBRUARY 25, 2023

BBQ APRIL 2023

CHICKEN STEW OCTOBER 2023

CHICKEN PIES NOVEMBER 2023

Summer Mission Trip

We will be taking a team back to Lithuania this July!

Please check our website for more updates!

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