



**AIM Report  
February 2019  
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**February 1 – 7**

February began with attempting to apply for residency to stay in Latvia longer. I was nervous, but excited for the hard work that I have put into this process to be completed. Not only was this process finally in progress, but we also had our very first baptism! He received the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues the night before at one of our first game nights. We were playing monopoly, began to speak about how we came to God, and showed him to further knowledge of what he had already begun studying himself. This was our first time meeting with this young man, but he is open and eager to live for the Lord and be used by Him.

**February 8 – 14**

Meeting multiple times a week to teach a young man discipleship was an exciting way to spend this week. It was also three of our strongest contacts birthdays this week. We made plans with each of them and have continued to show them the love of God. This month has already been different than any other month I have been here. We have begun holding weekly services. Each week has had more people at it than the last. Saturdays used to be our main push for evangelism, but now it is for growing the body of Christ in Ventspils, Latvia.

**February 15 – 21**

Ventspils has many different cultural dynamics. There are Latvians and Russians, but there is also a small college near my apartment building. This brings some international students with whom we have recently made a connection. They are Turkish and are excited about our culture as well as sharing theirs with us. We are expecting great this with this group of Muslim young adults. We also have recently gotten the opportunity to interact with a predominantly Russian speaking church. I have had a burden for Russians and Russian speaking people for quite some time—it grows daily. This was an exciting time for me because I was able to visualize masses of Russians singing praises to God in spirit and in truth.

**February 22 – 28**

Continuing services, game nights (youth group), and teaching Bible studies and discipleship has become fruitful once again. Zane was a young woman that I met three months ago. I had been teaching her a Bible study, but she began to pull away from me. We continued meeting and showing her love so that we could keep the relationship strong. She came to our services and absolutely loved them. She attended a baptist church and was baptized in “the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” We had the opportunity to present her with the truth of Jesus name baptism. It took several weeks, but I came home one day to the news “I’m going to be baptized in Jesus name tomorrow at the sea!” It was an honor to assist in the baptism of Zane. We are now teaching her discipleship and are expecting many more reports like this in the upcoming month.

