

## May 2019

Wow! This is the newsletter that we've all been waiting for... Departure month! Our first 3 weeks in Latvia are complete but we have had a full month. We kicked off May with our North Carolina District Conference where Michael received his General License (YAY!!). We wrapped up District Conference with Tia's 24th birthday, followed by our last Sunday service at Heavenview and then preaching in King, NC! After a whirlwind week, we packed for our three month AIM appointment and then Tia spoke at our last Wednesday service at Heavenview. Then Saturday, May 11th, we said goodbye and caught our first flight! (Is your head spinning yet, because ours definitely was!)



*Michael and Tia after meeting the Board for Michael's General License through the United Pentecostal Church International (UPCI). Thank you to the leadership of North Carolina for believing in Michael!*

(Left to Right: Rev. Hutton, Barnhill, Simpson, Watts, Huntley, and Morris)



Thank you to Pastor and Sister Hoge and the Apostolic Church of King for having us before we left! We are so grateful for your prayers and support!

We arrived in the capital city of Latvia on May 13th. Upon our arrival we were able to meet up with our Representatives and get settled. We are staying in a nice flat not too far from the Old Town of Riga. We are located in the city center which is pretty central for the training that will take place soon.





These first few weeks have been filled with learning basic survival skills including but not limited to: figuring out the public transportation system, grocery shopping in a new language, trying new foods, and attempting to learn phrases in both Russian and Latvian (they speak both here).



### Youth Night

Our first Friday night in Latvia consisted of a youth service! We were able to meet some of the youth and are already making great connections! (Top Left)

### Moving!

We spent our Saturday helping clean and prepare apartments for the arrival of more AIMers! There is going to be a great group going through training. We are excited to be joined by two other couples. (Top Right)

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A few of our fellow AIMers taught us a Russian game! It's a pretty common and an easy way to make new friends and build relationships. (Bottom Left)

### Friends

Sunday after service we went out with a few friends, old and new! They took us to Old Town Riga and showed us around. Some were in from other cities and others are stationed here in Riga. It was a nice afternoon of fellowship. (Bottom Right)



Overall, it's been an awesome start to what we know will be a life-changing summer. However, we are thankful that we can still stay connected to home whenever we start getting homesick! We are so grateful to our Heavenview family who has been such a big part of making this happen. No matter where we go, we know where home is.

There is so much more that has happened that we wish we could share with you. If only it were possible to share all our experiences, services, photos, and videos in one simple newsletter! We have met many people that we hope to lead to Christ and have helped new AIMers to get settled and find their way around. We begin training on Monday, June 3rd. We are so excited to see what God has in store for us, the team, and Latvia! The best is yet to come!



### **Prayer Requests**

We are so happy to be here in Latvia on AIM! Our training starts soon, and we know God has big things in store for us. Here are a few ways you can be praying for us:

- 1.) Pray that we will receive all that God has for us during this season of training.
- 2.) Pray God will lead us to the right people at the right time. We want to be led to those that are hungry for Jesus!
- 3.) Pray that from the beginning of this trip, God will be speaking to us about our future in missions. We want to be obedient to whatever He has in store!

If you would like to become a partner with us, there are various ways to give!

You will need our account number which is **435813**.

1. You can call 636-229-7966 to make a donation over the phone.
2. You can text "AIM65" to the number 71777
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