

# The BRIGGS Family

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**LATVIA**



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Dear Friends,

The best time to be in Latvia is summer time. It is the season when the sun is up as you go to bed and it is up as you get out of bed. Linda, Tomas and I are working, serving and enjoying summer ministries together.

We just finished our church's summer camp. This year, we focused on camp for those involved with our church. About 40 people attended, many of them families with children. Oskars, one of the fathers in attendance, was baptized. That was probably the highlight of my summer so far. Linda and a helper did the cooking as well as fellowship in the kitchen whenever someone stepped in to help or to see what was going on. I was very encouraged by the messages brought by Andrejs. He is a gifted teacher in our church. One couple attended who were from outside our church. I am happy they had the chance to hear the gospel, and I am praying for them to trust Christ as Savior. Some other families are facing severe trials right now. There are relationship issues and health issues making our hearts heavy. Please join us in prayer for them and pray for us so that we may know how best to help.

Our Vacation Bible School is not going as planned. This year VBS programs are regulated just like a daycare facility would be regulated. There are lots of health and safety procedures and documentation needed. This is not religious discrimination just a realization that children need protection even at church. There is no way we can implement all that is needed this year so we are planning several days of programs spread out over the weeks of July. One-day events are not considered "day camp," and we are allowed to do those. Pray for our children that they would grow in knowledge and faith. Pray for souls to be saved, for our workers and for the parents who will be bringing the kids.

Our daughter, Emily, is leaving for Laos. She will be there for several weeks. She is using her training as an English language teacher while there. She is looking forward to getting to know her Laotian students and making friendships with them. Please pray for her safety and success.

We thank you for praying and giving. I was in America last winter for a few months, and as Tomas finishes 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, I will be in America for a few months this coming fall/winter. If you would like a visit, let me know. My email is [heybriggs@gmail.com](mailto:heybriggs@gmail.com).

In Christ,

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