

# Horizons International – Colin & Judith Carson



## Autumn Journal Update



### **Apostolic History In The Making!**

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy with the strategy for those sent to build the Church, establish its leadership structure & train others to ensure the safe succession from one generation to the next - 'The things you have heard of me, entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others' (2 Tim. 2:2 NIV) Taking care of the succession of ministry was paramount to Jesus and Paul proved to be a good follower of the practice.

It has always been our desire and eventual calling from God to enlarge & support, train & encourage leaders in general and indigenous leaders in particular.

### **Multi National Leadership!**

The latest fruit of this process was in May this year when the time had come for our Argentinean missionary friends – Danny & Damaris Pedraza – to pass the baton to the teams they had trained. EMMANUEL church is in Liepaja, W Latvia and as many are, the congregation comprises Russian and Latvian believers. The Pedrazas have been there for 9 years and have faithfully built this church so that it now engages in missions trips, trains its own leaders and more recently,

has some of its members in the Bible School.

The practice of not only ethnic diversity, but multi lingual communication is well established and it was essential to install Russian and Latvian pastoral teams. They have been instructed and trained up in the ministry and the gospel has now been committed & entrusted to them. It was a glorious Sunday morning when we had the privilege of commissioning four couples by the laying on of hands.

### **A New Kind Of Bible School**

Danny is the principal of the newly launched national Bible and Missions School, but will continue to cover the new leadership in Liepaja. Our role is to continue to cover the Pedrazas and input the church about twice a year. The first academic year commenced with 30 students of whom 28 graduated. What a joyous 'ceremony' it turned out to be! None of the usual formality of caps and gowns for them! Just the exuberant delight of having the opportunity to study the Word and offer themselves in God's service. As the former USSR, it is an immense opportunity afforded to them and now this is available, it seems there is no shortage of eager students.. It is an intense learning curve for some and one couple came with their small son, Joseph and left their elder daughter in the care of relatives back home. They are now the resident caretakers and deans of the School and after refurbishing a small flat there, the whole family is together serving the Lord in this great way. Others are in full time service at their home church. This year, we have 37 and they are just as keen! Colin has just returned from a good week of teaching and Sunday ministry.



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## Projects Fulfilled - Needs Realised

2010 has seen many projects being accomplished and we wish to thank all who participated in them to bring them to fulfilment. The car for the Pedraza family has now been purchased and they are appreciative of such a good vehicle for the weather of the Baltics! There has been a need for a media projector for the Bible School and we have recently been informed that the funds have been raised by a church in England and will be taken in December when two of the church's leaders will teach in the school. Student sponsorship is being taken up, but we need more sponsors; please contact us if you can help in this way.



Still talking of schools...this is a different kind, for children this time. All the funding has been raised for the first phase of the LUMINARY SCHOOL in Lusaka, ZAMBIA. Building has commenced this autumn, the well has been installed and is in use for the community; for the first weeks many locals came to the well to rejoice! The first school building is up to roof level. Our missionary friends are very pleased at the quality of workmanship thus far. The school is for about 300 children whom Colin visited and consequently so many have responded to this appeal including the Scottish event - BRAVEHEART CHALLENGE - climb sponsors and participants. We trust for good educational facilities and resources for the many impoverished and orphaned children.

Thank you keeping us in prayer over these past months since our last newsletter. Not only has Colin had a special birthday, but there have been special times in our ministry meetings both here in the U.K. and overseas. The Lord has brought across our path some earlier ministry years in blessed and encouraged us. earliest students of our own in-kind of the Lord to show us not of some, but also the various now involved. 'Cast your bread you will find it again' (Eccl. 11:1) mind.....these instances were



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Also several who were among the house Bible Training School. It is so only real miracles in the personal lives spheres of ministry in which they are upon the waters for after many days, is a scripture that comes to real food to our spirits.

## Prayers of righteous people...avail much!

Will you continue to help us by your prayers for the remainder of the 2010 schedule that the Kingdom will be enlarged & people enriched. We will give thanks to God for His favour granted to us in response to the prayers of many! We appreciate your continued support & partnership. Here are the dates to cover us in travelling and ministry:-

- November 8/16<sup>th</sup> - LATVIA: Baltic School of Ministry – Colin
- 18<sup>th</sup> - GATLEY, U.K. – Ladies Outreach Evening CMW – Judith
- 20/26<sup>th</sup> - short break
- 28<sup>th</sup> - GATLEY, U.K. - Bethany Community Church – Sunday service
- December 4/11<sup>th</sup> - LATVIA: Baltic School of Ministry – Colin

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