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Dear friends in Värne,

First of all, we want to thank you very much for your support, love, prayers and friendship! We can feel it and are very grateful to you! We are also praying for you and thinking about you! We are happy that we can serve God together - being apart, but still joined in one purpose and desire! As we are able to follow you on Facebook, it is great to see how you are working, you are such a blessing to your community!

As for everybody, this year has not been a usual one or a simple one. But praise God, God has done good things in the middle of bad things! During covid 19 pandemic we have been able to develop our IT system in a great way, so we are able to have online services with a better quality. As a result of it, many people, who previously did not know anything what we were doing in the church, are following us now online - nonbelievers strangers, neighbors and even family members! We believe that is one way God desires us to share the gospel - use all opportunities that this world is offering - all for the Kingdom's sake!

As it has been difficult to reach out physically, things have been going on inside the church. Two of our church members have been ordained as deacons - Iris and Maret. Iris is serving in Pentecostal church Bible school in Tallinn this year, she works as an assistant there and gets a lot experiences on how to help to organize a bible school. She has been a great blessing for our church, and still is, as she is leading our youth worship band in our congregation. And Maret is still working with the children - we started a brand new program, that we just translated from English into Estonian, and it is amazing to see how God is touching children, speaking through them and how kids experience God's presence. This is very exciting and we look forward to what the Lord is going to do with our kids! We have been able to translate a Christian children's book, which is based on true stories of kids who were taught to hear God's voice and who were following His voice and did great things and miracles. We are selling in all over Estonia and that is very exciting! Children will be blessed all over Estonia. Our youth is also active, praying for their friends and believing them to come to know the Lord, sharing the Gospel where possible. We believe God has good things in store for them in the coming year. We believe, the darker it gets out there, the brighter is our light!



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This Christmas season has also been different than usually. As coming to the church is limited but we are still allowed to walk outside, we have been sharing the gospel outside - we distributed more than 500 Christian newspapers to peoples homes and have been praying over our town and the houses and buildings. We feel this is what the Lord is leading us to do right now. We hope we can have a Christmas service this year, but we cannot encourage many people to come though - so we are doing a project with the church children - we made Christmas cards, prayed over the people who receive them, make ginger breads and make little presents with the card, ginger bread and a blessing letter, and put them at the doors of the people who live directly around our church building. This way we are able to reach them with love of God and kids get a good experience on sharing God's love to strangers. So we are thankful the Lord is showing us different ways to reach out, even when reaching out is limited!

So in general we have been fine and healthy, and are so greatly thankful that God has been helping, blessing and protecting us and we have been able to move on with the Kingdom of God! We are praying for you, we love you and look forward to hear from you! Please let us know if there are any prayer requests we could pray about - we are happy to join you in prayer and support you! We wish you a blessed and beautiful Christmas season, and prosperous New Year!

With love and warm hugs and blessings,
all your brothers and sisters in Christ from Lihula