

Horizons International

ESTONIA & LATVIA 2015-16 Student Sponsorship at BSM



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Prayer, Prodigals & Parties! In recent months, there have been many graduation celebrations and whilst in America, we attended one. What a joyous occasion with good food, fun and fellowship ... the best ingredients to mark such an occasion. Young people achieving their best and moving on to greater things - a future of promise.



Estonia's *Village Of Hope* had their parties, too! These achievers were once 'wastrels' given up by most in society as a 'lost cause'. Yet, having had enough of the dregs of a world of addiction, prison and homelessness, chose to change. These are two graduates.

This is *Vassikli Bannikov*; he had a Christian mother who prayed for her 'prodigal son'. She took him to the Baptist church and as a child, he learned about Jesus. Some time later, he had a serious car accident which left him with a spinal injury. Because of his small stature, he was a prime target for bullying.

However, he met some Christians from a Spirit filled church in his home city of Parnu and gave his life to Jesus.



He served there for a few years until he met some old friends. They enticed him away and 10 years later he was serving 'time' in prison. It was here he came in contact with the chaplain who led him back to the Father's forgiving embrace. After serving his time, he immediately contacted Village Of Hope and now has graduated and had his own party!

Vassikli has achieved much, has a prayer anointing and is embracing the gifts of the Spirit! He wants to move on to a future of promise, his dream is to further study at *BSM, Latvia*.



We have had good success with the *VoH* students over the past few years where they have gone on to become leaders and servants in local churches in their native country of ESTONIA. *What a partnership between these two neighbouring countries - in God's plan of a future and a hope for the*

disenfranchised and forsaken of the world. He makes a way and puts His desires in men's hearts to love and serve Him.

This is our other student - **Ragnar Turgan**; imagine a home life of a drunken stepfather with accompanying beatings and the start of a prison life aged 13! Another five years on and living on his own in the capital city,



Tallinn with only thieves and addicts for companions. But, there was a praying aunt! After she took him to Sunday School as a child, the seed of God was planted, watered and eventually has now come to fruition! After graduating from VoH, he went onto the Servant Leadership programme and served in the start up of the **Järvakandi Centre**. This not a standalone programme, but forms a part in the programme of the Village of Hope. They expect and invite people from streets and from the so called "hot spots", who no longer know what to do with their lives, who haven't been sober for months,



possibly even for years. In the Järvakandi, people will have an opportunity to sober up and settle. They will have three months in their disposition. After this period of time, they will have a choice to continue in the rehabilitation program of the Village of Hope; it is in this environment that Ragnar has been serving, and now wants to further fulfil his future of promise, firstly by increasing his knowledge of the word of God, but to become further equipped for service.

Prayer , prodigals and parties....God loves them all!!

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If you are able to help with any amount of sponsorship, for **Vassikli and Ragnar**, we would greatly value your contribution this year. The teaching faculty, including overseas teachers, are self funded. Student expenses for 2015-16 BSM academic year are:-

£1300 (\$2000) per student

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Our thanks, love and blessings to you..... Colin and Judith