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Summer can make such a difference to people. I know it sounds strange, and whilst we accept it as part of the natural process with regards to planting and harvesting, but it is not just plants, vegetables and fruit that grow in the summer months! People do too! Particularly young people.

We were out walking the other day around Platone and saw some of the youth that attend the church, not that we recognised them straight away. The boys were taller, the girls were, well, girlier! and with dyed hair and make-up in place it needed a second glance to identify them. There they were with their former school mates sharing their individual experiences since leaving school and progressing on to college or the work place.

For them growing up had come a little closer and their personal aspirations also a little nearer; maybe their imaginations had become sullied by future lack of prospects, only they will know. Irrespective of their lot they seem to be contented, what is the alternative, to follow in the footsteps of some family adults and see their lives degenerate into alcoholism, drug abuse, laziness and complacency? No, they survive with a perspective on life that, as yet, is optimistic and with their optimism hope for a star to rise on their horizon which will shower them with favour. They are not looking for freebies or handouts, just a chance, an open door, a fair crack of the whip and opportunity to 'seize the moment'.

Please pray with us, that we shall be able to fuel their souls with excitement and anticipation; with hope and cheer; with faith and trust, so that, they shall find in God their Provision, and the One who can set before them open doors which no one shall shut.

Many people in Latvija need a break, both young and old. As this nation develops and grows into a European partner it will need stability, foresight, opportunity and a firm foundation on which to build for its emerging citizens. Many have lived fearful of what has past; many now live fearful of the future and the apparent vacuum that exists for them.

For those teenagers who have found relative success and employment the hours are long and hard, the work strenuous, the bosses, task masters; but it's an income. Tragically it affects their church attendance and fellowship with their peers. Please pray with us that we shall be able to bring a sense of balance to their lives in these area.

For all your support - a massive thank you!

Pastor John and Margaret.

Keep Praying for us and the
Youth in Latvija
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Our Pleases:
Keep loving Jesus,
always put Him first.

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