

**Before all the golden leaves have fallen we'd like to share with you some of the golden moments from the spring and summertime.**

In January we started with doubts and questions. Several volunteers had moved on, economic depression was deepening and we asked: are we able to do even one camp this year – for resource seems so small? And if we do, will there be people who can come?

Today we look back to **5(!)**

very special camps – all united by the same extraordinary characteristic: **God's amazing presence among us** in these camps. More than **230** children, youth and adult were touched by God, encouraged to draw closer. This was undeserved heavenly favor and blessing, poured upon us again and again in different settings. We experienced whole series of miracles: that finances came to balance, help from sponsors in different forms (incl more food than we dared to hope) came right before the needed moment; we found the best activity leaders, cooks; none of the 50 young persons on bicycles got into accident on roads etc.

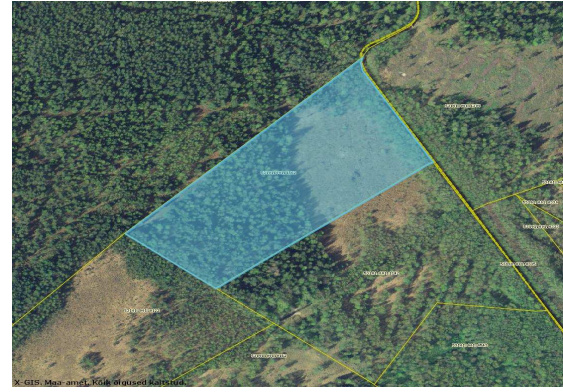
What's more – first time camps were ordered from SU Estonia! I can't describe the joy when we were asked: we want you to prepare for us a Bible reading and prayer camp, because we long to get closer to God! Or when I was forced to change the camp program on spot because young people were demanding: we miss more time with Bible, fellowship, worship and prayer; please – we don't want fun and activities; lets instead read the Bible – it is after all a Bible reading camp?! The range of camps widened – to the main format of BR camp, a family camp, cycling camp, dedication camp and choir camp were added. First time this year the **older leaders core group LTG** (camp work support group) did the main preparation work and several of them actually lead camps. General team increased by several members and consists now mainly of younger leaders from whom many got their first "taste of that adventure".

But most awesome was to see tens and tens of young people, children crying on their knees and repenting when God came near, then worshipping in tears because of joy and freedom and fulfillment experienced. Hear strong boys saying: I'm not the softie, but while I was waiting God came and....Witness gifts of Spirit given and operating, people renewed, walls coming down in their souls... this was amazing – there was not enough team to serve those who wanted to be prayed with. And it didn't matter which camp it was! In children camp one 10 yr old boy who had never prayed in his life said: this is so good – I prayed 18 times tonight! A father called in and said: I praise God for you, we got back a totally changed kid. Thank you for making yourselves available for God to touch children's lives..." God has been so good to us, so abundant and we praise Him together with you!





The next truly **golden** moment and a miracle was in June 18.2009. This was the day we **bought our own** **campsite property** – almost 4ha of land in the midst of Nõva forests –in order to build SU\*s **campsite and spiritual retreat centre**. For **6** years people have been praying for that and God heard and knew the best of times, when the prices were lowest. It will be a long journey ahead until everything is done – there is nothing but woods right now. But we are encouraged to go on one step at a time, with the resources God is providing. Please pray for our chairman **Enn Laansoo** who is leading the first development phase and needs much heavenly wisdom in all decisions. Also pray for blessed partnerships, right people joining the team, finances and supporters to come by.



In June we looked back to **Fellowship of the White Rose** spring term and this was a **golden** moment: in only 4 months more than **45** lectures have been given and **over 1200** students encountered! This is many times more than last year and we owe great thanks to all dedicated facilitators who have done such good work, as well as to **Veronika** who lead the project. Facilitators comments: The presentations we work with are very good and powerful... it is extremely motivating to have such direct contact with students – you've got 90 minutes to become a part of somebody's life, so what do you do? Can you do something that will influence all the rest of that life? We want to do this work because there is something uniquely valuable we can give to those young people...and I love to give out, instead of being the one who gets.” Special thanks we owe to **Mai and Miguel Zayas** and their work with high school kids, as well as with parents - they have found time for FWR beside very intensive work at their church and big family. Several schools who in the beginning asked just one lecture, then wanted all 3 and also for other classes. The relationship of trust that has been established is something very special – enabling us to continue work in autumn. Several orders have already been made for fall term. However schools have found no resources to pay for that service, nor have the state and in that we are still upon our own. The big application for EU Youth work funds we handed in during spring was denied for our disappointment. In



September Veronika completed next one and we are waiting for the results. September revealed also that bigger part of our facilitators for Tallinn moved to Tartu ( where we enlarge our work) and now we can't fill the calls from Tallinn schools as much as needed. We need badly to find and train new ones. Thank God for 3 newcomers, who wait to be trained. Our application to Estonian Council of Churches was favorably answered in 50% and this as well as private donations have been our lifeline enabling us to keep going till now. Big thanks to Slavanka Trust - they have faithfully covered project salary costs! In March **Olwyn Marks** from “**Love for Life** “ (Northern Ireland) spend whole week with us, advising and especially encouraging us to start working also with parents and teachers. Please pray for constructive and deepening partnership both with parents/ teachers at school, but also with “Love for Life” - as this is vital for development FWR. Our fantastic project assistant **Hanna – Kerli Metsala** had to leave in spring, because lack of finances. She is continuing as facilitator, but can't give any more that much of her time. Thank God for her heart and work!



Many more golden moments are there- like **radio notes every morning**, different authors sharing their encounter with God and especially **golden** is to get feedback like: “I praise God for SU and this program. Today's text was like all for me, encouraging so much!” Golden moment was meeting “Australians” and long time supporters- **Margaret and Brian Hill** in Estonia.



The latest **golden** moment comes from September – when in cooperation with SU England and Wales and in Estonia SU, Baptist Youth Centre and former CEF we published “**Top-Tips on handling difficult behavior**” from the Top-Tips series and it was introduced in Sunday school teachers **training day** we organized. This cooperation with SU England and Wales has been a blessing for years and each time I receive another order via website for our **translated Sunday school materials of Salt/Light**, I’m amazed about our God who uses authors in England and translators in USA to bless children in Estonia!

In Revelation 8:3 there is a picture about an angel with **golden** censer who stood at the altar before the throne, putting the prayers of the saints to the altar. I am more than convinced that all those golden moments described above have begun in the prayers of the faithful saints. There is nothing higher, than to be at the altar near the throne and meet God – this was what we experienced, this is what we long for and for this we continue working. We wish you **golden** moments and blessed encounters for the days to come and thank you for all the support!

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