

# The Violleau Newsletter

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"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:5

## God at work in Estonia

Thank you for your prayers for the Heartbeat Tallinn project. About 1500 staff members and volunteers with Agapé Europe came for this time of spiritual refreshment and encouragement for us, but also and foremost to share love and hope with the people of Tallinn, still affected by 50 years of soviet occupation.

"This week can be seen as a signal of hope," said Reena Tolmik, vice mayor of the Tallinn City Council, during her welcoming address. "It can be the sign that so many in our society are looking for."

The impressive opening ceremony foreshadowed a staff gathering like no other with a taster of the artistic performances which were then on offer for Estonians throughout the week, on the theme of God's wonderful plan for the World. We were impressed and moved by the quality and variety of the different shows, and how each artist shared what God had done in his life.

But we also wanted to be witnesses of the love of Christ by meeting with the vital needs of people, both relational and material. Several groups of people, for example, sorted through containers before visiting families in the countryside to bring them clothes and spend time with them. We had the pleasure of singing in a nursing home and were able to spend some time chatting with the residents and praying for them. We even met a lady who spoke French!

## God at work in our hearts

This whole year, God has been making me (Carolyn) aware of how hard I've been trying, in my own strength, to become more like Jesus. And He's been saying to me: "Carolyn, stop. Only I can be like me. You need to trust me to live in you, by faith." During our week in Tallinn, much of the teaching, the worship songs, the testimonies and the prayers times were on this theme of "Without You, we are nothing", expressed in John 15:5, the verse we chose to begin our newsletter with. And we were asked a question: "When was the last time you did something that you were totally dependant on God for?". This challenged me to take a step of faith and give a short testimony without any preparation at the nursing home we visited, trusting that God would speak through me. Please pray that God would continue to teach me how to live a life totally dependant on Him.

With all our love,

DAVID  
&  
CAROLYN



Please continue to pray  
and in particular:

- \* That we would remain rooted in Christ in all aspects of our lives.
- \* That the Heartbeat Tallinn project would continue to have positive repercussions for Estonians.
- \* That the development of the new Agapé France website would make good progress.
- \* For a peaceful start to the school year for Julie and Anna (and for us ☺).
- \* For the sale of our house in Toulouse.

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