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Greetings in the precious name of Jesus!

2020 has been quite the year! The church in Finland has been going strong despite the pandemic. We have continued teaching and preaching the Word, and we are excited to share the wonderful news of what Jesus is doing here in Finland and the Helsinki region!



On July 13, it was our unspeakable joy to baptize these two ladies in the life-saving name of Jesus! Emily (L) was baptized with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues on June 29 of this year and Marinel (R) was filled in November of 2019. When both ladies came up out of the water, their eyes shone with the peace and love of God. Afterwards, when Candace asked

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The night before being baptized, one of the ladies had a wonderful dream. She said she thought that she was awake at the time but only realized she was asleep when she awoke. In her dream, she spoke in tongues and was praising the Lord. As she did so, she began rising up to meet Him. Needless to say, she was so excited when she came to church for her baptism!

At the start of COVID-19 in Finland, when the government announced restrictions for organized gatherings of 10 or more, we chose to take the church online. We were very thankful that this transition took place without difficulty. We continued our Bible studies and broadcasted Sunday Service via Zoom and Facebook Live. We are pleased to announce that the government has rescinded most all restrictions and we were able to return to normal in-house services from the beginning of June. We are also very thankful that, throughout the pandemic, no members or contacts in our fellowship here in Finland became sick. To God be the glory!



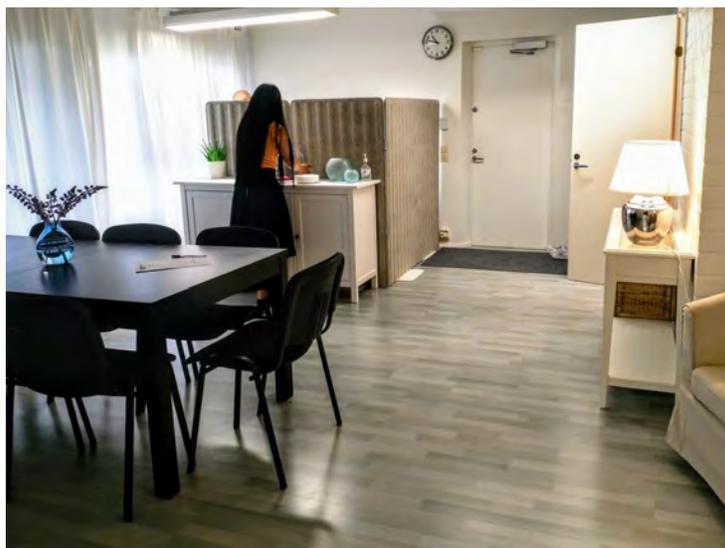
At the start of 2020, we made it our goal to find a new meeting location before the end of the year. We had begun this search during the autumn on 2019 but every door would shut. We were refused on multiple rental locations but we continued looking. Johannes found a location in Espoo Center and we made arrangements to view it. When we walked in and looked around, we both felt in our spirits that this location could be exactly what we needed.

As we talked with the woman who was showing us around, she told us that they loved the idea of renting it to someone who would use the space for the community. She even went so far as to say, "We have other people interested in the space, but I really like you guys. We would be happy to rent to you." After

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rental application, and we were granted a contract! God blessed us with favor throughout the entire process and we are so grateful!

During the month of May, we renovated the property and opened for our first public service on June 7! *We, along with the Alphins, would like to thank every single person who donated towards furnishing and renovating the property. This truly was a labor of love which could not have happened without your help. We also thank everyone who has prayed with us for this need. God's timing is perfect and we cannot wait to see what He will do during this new chapter!*



Welcome to the Connection Center! This is where we have fellowship ("fika," as Johannes calls it) after services. We will also be using the Connection Center for training and Bible studies. Coffee and tea is always available and served with a smile!

Welcome to the Sanctuary! This is where we hold and broadcast Sunday Worship. We have already seen lives touched by the power of Jesus during services; we expect that many more will follow as they discover Jesus and learn more about His Word!





"Master, which is the great commandment in the Law? Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:36-40

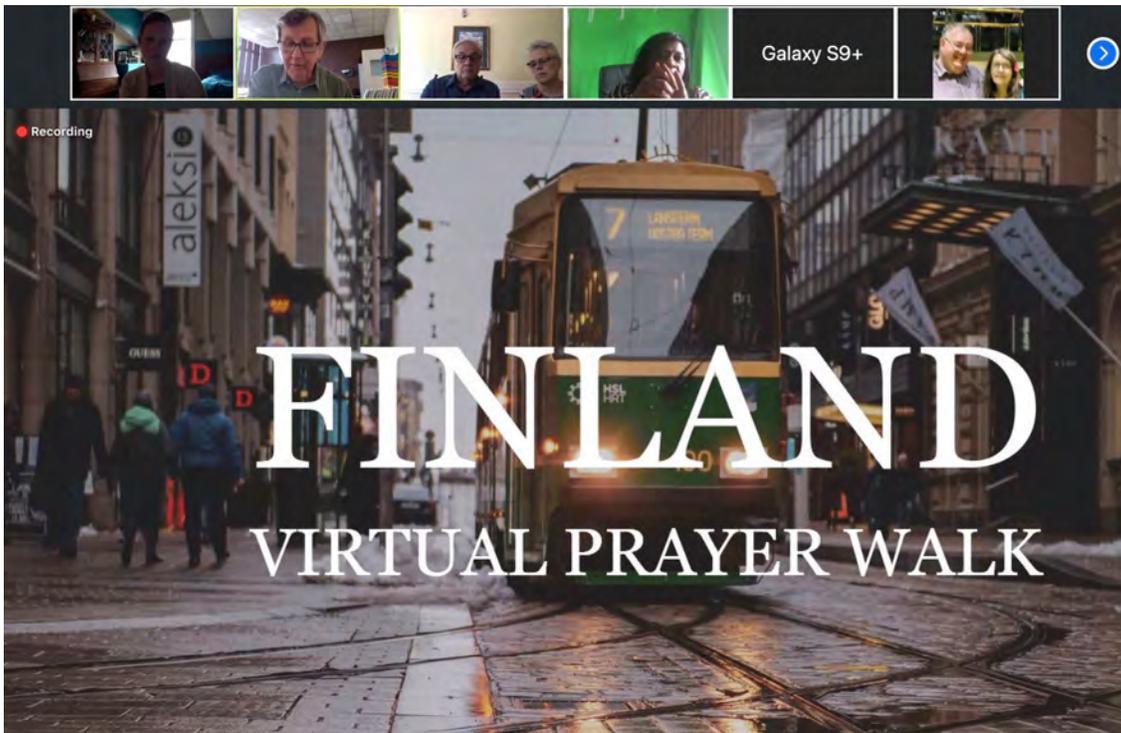
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*"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise,
as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward,
not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."
2 Peter 3:9*



On June 6, the EME Prayer Commission held a virtual prayer walk online for Finland. During this prayer walk, we focused on praying for our churches, target cities and national leadership, as well as other needs. The enemy tried everything it could to disrupt the meeting and make it difficult, but God prevailed and it was a powerful time of prayer! We are so grateful to all who took part in

in multiple countries. Only time will tell of the impact of our prayers, but we believe that the impact will be powerful and far-reaching.



It's our pleasure to announce that on March 3rd, Johannes received his Worker's License with the UPCI, Finland. We are excited to see where God will take Johannes in his ministry!



Due to the pandemic, we have begun broadcasting our services online on Facebook Live! [Click here to see our latest service!](#)

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Prayer requests:

- Our new "spiritual babies" - that their faith in God would be strengthened and we would be able to teach and support them effectively in their new walk with God
 - One "spiritual baby" has not yet been baptized - please help us pray that they would be willing to boldly take the step forward towards water baptism and complete their Acts 2:38 experience
 - There are several AIMers currently raising funds to go on the field - pray that God would supply the finances needed
 - Increase of divine meetings with hungry hearts and open doors into the community at Espoo Center
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Thank you so much for your continuing prayer and support! We are blessed and humbled to be a part of the work here in Finland, and your support enables us to be effective servants. Thank you to each one who takes time to pray for us or give of your finances. We pray that God would pour out blessings over you, your families and your churches in return. Together, we are Team Finland!

God be with you and bless you,
Candace and Johannes

Johannes and Candace Lindholm
serve as Associates in Missions to

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acting pastor of the Uudet Alut congregation in Helsinki; Johannes serves as deacon. In 2019, they were appointed as National Men's and Ladies' Ministry Directors. Candace and Johannes assist the Alphins with hosting Bible studies, translation, and whatever else may be needed. They are eager to do God's work and seek to grow more like Him daily. May God bless and keep you!

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