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Finland Family Retreat 2025, Liesjärven kansallispuisto



The Swords:

FAMILY UPDATE

We are thankful for steady progress in cultural integration. Our residence permit renewals are underway, we are improving our Finnish toward greater fluency, the girls are in their fourth year of high school, and Philip and Amy are seeking work opportunities in Helsinki.

FORSSA 1-MIN FOCUS

We have spent the past three years living in Forssa, faithfully planting the Word at every opportunity. Through weekly services and Bible studies, we have witnessed the presence of God — from Holy Spirit infilling to physical healings, financial miracles, and other mighty works. God has been so gracious, and we are abundantly thankful for the privilege of participating in His Kingdom here.

Now, the Lord is leading us into a new season. We are preparing to move to Helsinki, where we can join the main congregation and assist in the coming season of growth.

FUN FACT:

One of the longest Finnish words is

lentokonesuihkuturbiinimoottoriapumekaanikkoaliupseerioppilas

Translated, it means “airplane jet turbine engine auxiliary mechanic non-commissioned officer-in-training”.

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THE MISSION

In the Spring, we began having Bible studies in a local café. It has been a great time of encouragement and growth as we welcomed a new young lady who is actively seeking the Lord. Anastasia has also begun a personal Bible study with her.

In addition, April was a special month as we joined Finland in welcoming Regional Director Nathan Harrod, his family, and Rev. Wesley Witcher for the annual UNITE conference. We experienced the presence of God firsthand as He moved powerfully, resulting in several physical miracles and a wonderful outpouring of the Spirit. Their ministries greatly impacted the Church!

In late July, Amy spoke at an annual Children's Ministry event hosted by the Apostolic Church of Turku (Pastor Jun Ventura). In August, our family attended Finland's second annual Family Retreat, a wonderful time of spiritual growth and fellowship.

Alongside the ministry highlights, our family experienced some important milestones this summer. Philip graduated from the Finnish University he was attending, the girls finished their third year at the Lukio (Finnish High School), and Amy completed her second year working at the school.



In May, we had the pleasure of having Bishop Jeffrey Smith of Clute, TX join us in Forssa.



Upper left: Amy speaking at a Children's Ministry Event in Turku. Upper right: Bible study at Pikku cafe. Bottom left: Finland team at UNITE with special speakers. Bottom right: special visit from Sis. Bobbi Jo Rayo of Cols., OH.

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