

AIMing for Finland



Photos from UNITE Conference

1-MIN FOCUS

April was full of expectation. From the Easter service and UNITE Conference to Missionaries Mark and Glenda Alphin leaving for their deputation, the month was full of eventful change. God is meeting His Church in powerful ways, and we are expecting growth!



The Swords: FAMILY UPDATE

Our daughters are nearly finished with their current school year in Finnish high-school. Next year will be the final testing year, where they will be required to pass Finland's Matriculation Exams, which will allow them to graduate with a diploma.

Philip will be renewing his residence permit soon, joining the family in waiting in the permit approval process. So far, the Lord has blessed us with assistance and favor every step of the way!



Missionary Mark Alphin speaking during the Easter service



Lorelai and Pastor Mark Hattabaugh

FUN FACT:

The Finnish language has the longest commonly used palindromic word: saippuakivikauppias. It translates to "soapstone vendor".

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Top: Amy leading worship during Sunday Service; Right: Lorelai, Anastasia, and Zoe; Bottom: Sunset in Espoo

THE MISSION

During the UNITE Conference, there were two baptisms (both in water and Spirit). We are thankful to be part of a strong movement in Finland, where the truth is preached, and God grants increase!

We look forward to continuing to support the congregation's work in any way possible during the Alphins' deputation. The Church has had great momentum with strong prayer, worship, and teaching.

In addition, Amy has been learning the piano over the last several months, and her ability to lead worship confidently is growing. Each member of our family has been eager to discover their role and willing to serve.



As we move forward, we welcome you to continue partnering with us. Please consider uniting with us in prayer, donating to our AIM fund through a one-time offering, or becoming a Partner-in-Missions (PIM) through monthly financial support. God will richly bless your giving in whatever form it may be!

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