

# THE PEEDIN FAMILY NEWSLETTER

*Serving as your missionaries in Lithuania*

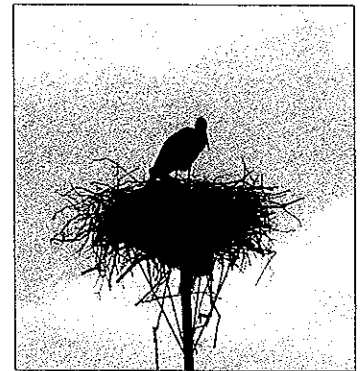
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## THE PROMISE OF SPRING ...

We all find ourselves sometime during the winter months longing for the bright warm sunshine of spring. As we begin to see the new growth and flowers peeking out, we feel a renewed hope for a new beginning. With all the extreme cold of this winter here in Lithuania, everyone is looking forward to spring. We have started to warm up here just a bit, but just the thought of spring reminded me of something that happened just the other week.

It was a rainy day and still very cold outside. I was headed over to the church to meet with one of the young men. We were going to discuss an upcoming activity. I got to the church early and was sitting in the car. I knew that he would be coming, but that the bus schedule was unpredictable. It seemed that rain was never going to stop and within just a minute I caught sight of him jogging from the bus stop. I got out of the car and greeted him. Just as we were walking to the door. I heard a cry for help. It was from the elder lady that lives in the house next to the church building. She only speaks Russian, and I don't, but I knew that the urgency in her voice was such that she needed help. She quickly ushered us through the front door of her house. She continued speaking and showed us to a back room. The house was very cold and dark. As we entered the back room, I saw an elderly man lying on the floor unable to get up. We quickly lifted him up and onto the bed. I looked into his eyes and could see his relief as we tucked him in. He mouthed the words thank you through weak trembling lips. She was unable to lift him. God brought us there at just the right time. She led us to the door and continued to talk. As we headed out to the church building, the young man told me what she said. "We have little money for heat, and I am unable to care for my husband very well. The winter has been so cold. If I could just see the storks return, I would know that spring is on the way!"



I noticed this stork nest just this week. The storks have returned. The arrival of the stork is the sign of spring in Lithuania! Thank you Lord for spring and for hands and opportunities to serve you!

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### PRAISES AND REQUESTS

- + Pray for Ron - the infection in his left eye has returned. He is continuing to take antibiotics daily.
- + Pray for the much needed increased monthly support for our ministry here in Lithuania. We have been working to stretch our monthly funds.
- + Praises & thanks to all for the special financial gifts we received last month. God is so good!
- + Pray for our children, Lydia and Joshua, as they continue their college studies stateside.

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