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Exciting News From Latvia: The church in Jurmala has received government approval to construct a building. Two years ago the church was forced out of the public school building in which they had been meeting for several years and were subsequently denied permission to meet in any public facility. We purchased property for the church near the center of the city's residential district, however, at that time, the government denied permission to construct a building for the church. As a result, the church has been meeting in a greenhouse for the past two years.



Jurmala, Latvia Church Building



Location for the church building

The Greenhouse Church: A greenhouse was situated on the property we purchased, and having been denied permission to meet in any public facility or to construct a building, the greenhouse became the home to the Jurmala church. Throughout the harsh Latvian winters, with temperatures often reaching -20° F, the Christians have remained faithful in attendance and their commitment. Although the plastic greenhouse is extremely modest, the Spirit of the Lord is present and the services are powerful.

The Need: Members of the Latvian churches will join together to do most of the actual construction. Although the church members are sacrificially giving of their finances to help the Jurmala church, they don't have adequate money to purchase the materials which are estimated to cost \$33,000. The government has given only a limited window of time to construct the building. We are planning to start the foundation in the next two weeks. It is our desire to complete the outer shell before winter arrives.



The Greenhouse Church in Jurmala, Latvia
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Latvia was one of the republics of the Soviet Union. Jurmala was the resort city for the Soviet elite. Today Jurmala is one of the most strategic cities of Eastern Europe. Since gaining independence from the Soviet Union, the church in Latvia has both prospered and faced enormous challenges. We have a great opportunity to impact an entire nation through the Jurmala church. For more information, please visit our website at: www.regionsbeyond.org/latvia.htm

If you would like to help the Jurmala, Latvia church, please designate your special offering to **"The Greenhouse Church Building Fund"** and mail it to our USA office.

"Our desire is to preach the gospel in the regions beyond" 2 Corinthians 10:16

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