



Quarantine Life Update #3

English Camp: A Global Effort

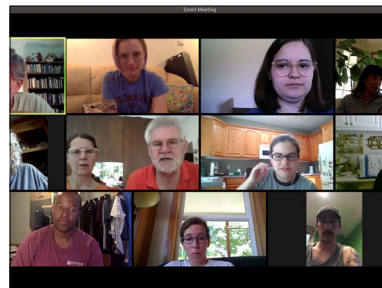
Since 2000, Calvin has sent teams to Latvia to teach a week-long English camp, first in Tilza where Paula Hewitt lived, and more recently in Madona. Aaron and Callie Newton, now working full time in Latvia, first went in 2015. Despite Covid-19, it turned out that English camp was still on! Aaron and Callie were able to be there in person, and several Calvin folks helped plan, teach, and record video lessons that were sent to Callie.

Eagle's Wings, which hosts the camp, focuses on faith, friendship, and fun, and Callie says they really felt that this summer, as most kids finished up their school year remotely. She adds: *"I believe God's hand was FULLY on English Camp this year. He provided us Sam Musabyimana - a missionary from Texas in Riga - to be our third teacher. He gifted Carol (Andresen), Angie (Voss), and Denise (Wells) with the professional knowledge to create an amazing curriculum for us that opened up so much discussion. Marc Andresen was able to Zoom in one morning to provide a devotional for the team. And otherwise, we just felt really bolstered by prayer the entire week."*

The lessons focused on how God uses young people, looking at characters like David and Samuel. Angie shares: *"It was a joy for all of us to reach across the ocean and help with the English Camp in Latvia. Janae Miller was brilliant as a natural teacher and facilitator of Zoom videos to initiate the morning and afternoon lessons. I learned how to send plans via Google Slides! It was a loving connection,*

considering the circumstances, and we all felt God's presence. What an amazing team! What lovely children!"

Other team members were Katie Andresen, Skip and Laura Rung, George Voss, and Sarah Munoz Ferchland. Pray for these young folks trying to follow Jesus in a secular culture and for opportunities for the Newtons to connect with students who are at university in Riga.



Band of Brothers

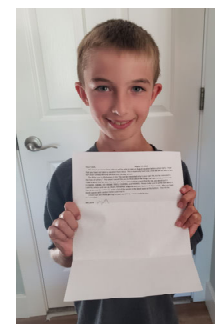
By Dick Carozza



Band of Brothers continues! We missed one week after the lockdown in March (but we began

Zooming) and one week because of the smoke. In late summer we resumed meeting in person outside at the Lingenfelters and now on the church patio. And we did some hybrid meetings in there when it was raining: Zoom/at the church. Aaron Newton has joined us via Zoom a few times! We've had some honest sharing as we study the book of Acts.

Sunday School Letters



Laura Rung, our long-time elementary Sunday School teacher, decided to stay in touch with her class by sending letters through the spring and summer. Caleb Eby is pictured with one of his letters. She includes

a thought and/or an activity for the week. The students have also been praying for First Responders for the past year, with names provided by Chaplain Dean Aithwaite.