



Mart Vahi & Kenn Parker

I had a fantastic trip to Estonia recently. I left Canada on April 7th and returned on April 23rd. A day after arriving in Tallinn, I was privileged to speak at the Estonian Pentecostal Church Annual Conference. This turned into an amazing time of ministry, refreshing and encouragement for the national leaders. There were about 200 in attendance at the two day conference. I received a humbling response in ministry and relationship. The hospitality and generosity of this network of churches was amazing. It is very evident that under their present leadership, the direction towards church planting and forming missional communities is a high priority.

I also preached in the Estonian church and the Russian church in Tallinn. Both churches are growing and vibrant. It was great to see the leaders so hungry to hear what the Lord was saying to their churches. Mart and I spent one evening with the leadership of the Estonian church, in a presbytery format. The leaders would have stayed there half the night if we had enough energy!

Then the Village of Hope. What a fascinating place! What an amazing vision! What incredible fruit! I spent many hours at the Village of Hope, preaching, teaching and talking to the guys. I had the privilege of seeing one man give his heart to the Lord while I was there. As I came from a similar background as many of the guys, I considered it a special gift to connect with them. There are approx. 20 guys in the program right now, with two of the former drug addicts running the program. Viljam, disciple and trained by Andrew Vahi and Mart is the program director, carrying the responsibility for the overall operations of VOH. Mart and Andrew have done a fantastic job of raising up a number of these men as outstanding leaders. Many have now gone through the program and Mart says the success rate of those that finish the 10 month program is 80%! Amazing!



Sawmill at Village of Hope

At the moment they are in the midst of a big construction job, building a large staff house. There are a number of Swedes that have committed to this project and are coming over to VOH with all the materials and supplies, as well as the workers to construct the whole project. I watched a number of miracles happen in order for this project to move ahead. It is gratifying to see the Lord blessing the work of their hands!!

I was to return home on the 19th of April, but was delayed by the volcano ash. So I returned on the 23rd. While I was anxious to return home, it was a blessing to have a few more days to spend with Mart and Alta. They are doing a fantastic job in Estonia; they are pioneers in the truest sense of the word. I was honoured and humbled to be in their home and be considered a friend.

If you are at all interested in helping financially with the Village of Hope or any of the other projects that are "on the go" in Estonia, please contact the ACOP national office. They will be glad to help.



Mart Vahi (the Mill worker)



Mart Vahi, Viljim, Roman & Kirk giving leadership to Village of Hope



Kenn Parker & Nik (Russian Pastor)



Kenn Parker & Janno



Pastor's Conference



Mart Vahi, Viljim & Kirk



Altar Call