

## Annual Report 2013

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Happy New Year and Greetings from Lithuania! Becky and I are beginning our 14th year of mission service as teachers at LCC International University, in Klaipeda, Lithuania. LCC is a long-standing mission partner of our church, the Presbyterian Church (USA). LCC aspires to be a model of Christian witness in this former Soviet space of Eastern Europe. It has been our privilege—with God's grace and your prayers and support—to be part of this witness. We pray that we will be found worthy of this high calling.

Our calling is to be teachers in the classroom—and to live a life worthy of the hope the Gospel promises us in our Lord Jesus Christ. In 2013 we taught six different classes from basic accounting to political economy. We also participated in the recruitment of new students through classroom visits, presentations, and even a trip to high schools in Russia. We also were part the LCC Christmas video greetings (see [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vd\\_-qHyvfoQ&feature=c4-overview&list=UUI7clCUwpXBwyToUtj\\_V\\_XQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vd_-qHyvfoQ&feature=c4-overview&list=UUI7clCUwpXBwyToUtj_V_XQ))

This summer we were in the US on "IA"—'itineration assignment' as it is now called. We had the opportunity to meet with 12 supporting churches, two presbytery gatherings (Carlisle and Donegal) as well as to attend the PCUSA 'Big Tent' events in Louisville, Kentucky. We offered our story in sermons, Sunday School programs, and even key-note addresses. We especially enjoyed spending time with those of you who have written to us or have come to visit us. We'll be on IA again in the spring and summer of 2015 as we strive to engage Presbyterian congregations in the 'larger work' of the church.

Student comments are very important to us. Here's a sampling: A 2009 graduate from Russia reported, "I am working where I am thanks to you for the most part! Just wanted to express my gratitude in helping to define my life's direction." A recent LCC graduate from Belarus writes, "I'm staying in Belarus, and getting married in September. My future husband is determined to stay in Belarus, because his ministry and Church are here, and we both know that God needs us where we are." Another graduate from Albania sent this note, "I was immensely touched by what you had shared in the (PCUSA) mission prayer book and the Bible study on work. I would like to ask you if I may share them... I found the prayer of the teacher really beautiful and encouraging. I have often thought if God is calling me to teach (especially in Albania, where teaching has completely taken another meaning these days)..."

The apostle Paul speaks frequently about meeting believers 'face to face' (I Thessalonians 2:17). We share his desire: "I have much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink; instead I hope to see you soon, and we will talk together face to face" (3 John 13).

With God's grace and your support we look forward to four more years as mission workers in Lithuania. We think this is God's intention for us at this point in our lives. We know there will be many challenges but be trust that God will provide. Thanks for remembering us—and the students at LCC.

Grace and peace, Eric & Becky Hinderliter