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Non-residential Bible School of the Baptist Union of Lithuania (NEBIM)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all...

Titus 2:11

Dear Friends,

Here's a paradox: the grace has appeared, yet can remain unnoticed if we are not ready to turn our eyes to where it appears. This is true of the events that took place two thousand years ago, but also true of events and situations around us today. May we have eyes to see God's goodness and glory, especially when we engage in ministry and watch the ministries of others... At the close of this year 2013, we would again like to share with you some of the highlights of the past twelve months. We give God thanks for all the learning opportunities we were given during this year, for new friendships, and for the support we felt through your prayers, help, and fellowship. As many schools, we face more than a few challenges, and therefore much appreciate your prayers. But first and foremost, we give thanks – for the expressions of grace we were able to see, for the new things learned, and for the opportunities that still lie ahead.

Blessings and greetings to all of you:

NEBIM Team

NEBIM would appreciate...

- ...your prayers and encouragement: they mean a lot for our small community.
- ... your support: NEBIM is running on the loving work of volunteering hands.
- ... your creative suggestions or offers which would help us to see new ways to continue the ministry of providing education for believers in Lithuania.



Highlights of 2013...

• February 23, Panevezys God's Grace Baptist Church: "Getting to know the Old Testament World," with special focus on the Pentateuch. The seminar was delivered primarily by the pastor of the church, Aleksandras Kostinas, who is also a NEBIM graduate.



• March 1-2, Klaipeda: NEBIM Director, Lina Andronoviene, spoke at the Congregational Development Conference at LCC University, Klaipeda. She took part at the round-table discussion and led a seminar on involuntary singleness and the response of the churches (or the lack of such!).

• April 9: A seminar for Portico mission at Vilnius New Testament Baptist Church. Lina Andronoviene spoke "On Freedom: Feminisms and

Labels". We had a good discussion on our ideas about living as women and men, and our relationships.



• May 4, Klaipeda Baptist church: "Gathering to Worship the Lord: Concepts and Variety of Worship Services." This was a seminar specifically asked by Klaipeda church and delivered by Lina Andronoviene.

• August 31, Vilnius New Testament Baptist church: "Spiritual and Psychological Challenges in Ministry," offered by our new friends, Darrell and Faith Grice, who had come over for a few weeks from the USA.

• November 16, Vilnius New Testament Baptist Church: "Variety of Gifts in the Community of Christ: Gifts of the Spirit, Personality Types, Discipleship, and Mission." The main speaker was Sandra Daktaraite, another NEBIM graduate. It has been great to to see our own graduates getting involved in teaching!

