

In this our November/December newsletter we want to start off by saying the we trust in the Lord that and your entire family had a relaxing, peaceful and Blessed Thanksgiving! We were thankful to be able to be with part of our family during these days.

Finally! At the end of October, we were able to travel outside the USA for the first time since the pandemic started. It was a blessing and a delight to be invited by AWMI Director Martian Daukantas to be speakers at the Grace and Faith Conference in Lithuania October 30<sup>th</sup> thru November 1<sup>st</sup>. It was so good to spend time catching up with

good to spend time catching up with our friends and sharing the word that (Above-Some of the conference attendees) God has placed in our hearts. Not only did we connect (Below-Old & New Friends) with old

friends, but we met a lot of new people that were attending the conference for the first time. We could tell that the hunger for God's truth is grow-

ing very rapidly since the last time we visited Lithuania in 2019. God's Word has been freeing them from the same pre-conceived ideas and traditions that he has been freeing people all over



the world from. They are getting a revelation of God's unconditional love without all of the traditional strings that have become attached. (Below-Pastora Regina & church members)

Freedom is not something

any of us can take for granted. It comes with a price. I find myself continually thanking my Heavenly Father for giving me a fresh revelation of all of the things that He has freely given to me through Jesus Christ. As we enter into this Christmas season may we ALL take some time to count our Blessings and thank God for His greatest gift to us All-Jesus!



## Christian Seeking Identity

## No Strings Attached

Unmerited favor-God is good but I don't deserve it. I spent years wrestling with the condemnation that came from trying to reconcile God is good but I am not, in my own mind. He paid a debt He did now owe; I owed a debt I could not pay and I found myself trying to pay! One day I was led to read the following scripture:

Luke 14:12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.

13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

Jesus does not enjoy seeing us respond to his free gift with condemnation and guilt! I remember one year at Christmas time I had a certain person in mind that I really wanted to give a special gift to. I had never given her a Christmas gift before, and she had never given anything to me. I was so excited. I gave her the gift and a few hours later I heard a knock on my door. It was that same woman bringing me a gift in exchange for the one I had just given her. That instantly removed the joy that I had when I gave her the gift because it made her feel like she owed me a gift.

Let me tell you about my most memorable Christmas. More than anything that particular year, I wanted to give a gift to Jesus. But after buying presents for everyone else, there was no money left over and I felt bad. One evening the phone rang. It was the local radio station saying that they had an ongoing contest. They had a certain amount of money to give away, and if I could guess the exact amount, the money would be

mine. I made a wild guess and they congratulated me and declared me the winner!

As I hung up, I was so excited because now I had something to give Jesus!

The next morning, I told my mother about the event. She in turn told my sister-in-law who happened to work for the radio station. My sister-in-law said, we are not promoting any contest. At first, I was crushed but then I heard God speak to me, Suzan I know that if you had it to give to me, you would give it! That was so free-ing. That was His gift to me!

Jesus is not expecting a pay back. Payback is not what brings him satisfaction. His blessing comes when he sees us walking in the blessings of his provision and paying it foreword!

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:12-13

We pray God's Best for you and your entire families during this Christmas Season and

