

**REPORT TO RENEWAL MINISTRIES**

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**LATVIA and SLOVENIA**

**JULY 14-27, 2015**

**LATVIA – July 14 to 19**

- Objectives**
- 1) Teach and pray with members of Effata Community**
  - 2) Lead men's weekend retreat**
  - 3) Meet with Archbishop Zbigneyvs Stankevics**

Normally I spend two weeks each time I visit Latvia. This year, I needed to combine countries to care for needs at home. The most effective groups in Latvia are the men's group in Riga and the Effata Community in Riga.

I taught and ministered at the Effata Community my first night. There were 130 in attendance and eighty percent of them were women. The next day, I spent three hours with the archbishop. It is always informative and pleasurable to share with him. That evening, I attended a leaders' meeting of some twenty men and women. I gave a teaching and prayed with them. From Friday to Sunday, I led the men's retreat. It is a camping experience with five teachings and prayer ministry. Attending were eighty-five men, four priests, and two seminarians.

With Mass attendance at ten percent, this men's retreat has been one of the most fruitful events for men in Latvia each year.

**SLOVENIA—JULY 20 to 27**

- Objectives**
- 1) Teach and pray in several cities**
  - 2) Teach leaders' group**

Janez Cekovinik is the leader of the Slovenia Charismatic Renewal and made all the arrangements for my week in Slovenia. I visited seven cities in seven days, teaching and praying with the people in each city. In total, approximately 1,000 people were ministered to. In the Maribor Diocese, Fr. Zoran has a television

studio, and each year he has me do a one-hour interview. This year, I did over two hours of TV time. On Friday, I had an hour-long radio interview with a woman who wanted to know about the roles of men and women in the church.

On a sad note, Fr. Igor Loviscek passed away May 3rd. He was a good friend to Renewal Ministries and one of the first priests to be part of the charismatic renewal in Slovenia. God rest his soul.