

August/September 2024 Update

Our summer has been busy, but we are thrilled to report we have signed a lease for our church. I have marked our new location in the attached photo—the same one from our mission’s presentation where we unaware of any gospel-preaching church. This milestone brings us closer to establishing a permanent presence in Finland.



Renting in Finland is different from the US, but similar to living in a gated community with strict association rules. Our building allows us to rent if we keep noise levels reasonable, but being too loud could risk our lease. This is the standard for all buildings with apartments above the ground level office spaces. One day, we might get large enough to rent from the twice expensive office buildings which do not have these rules. In the foreseeable future, we will be quite busy cleaning this new space and purchasing furniture for a grand opening service in August. Please keep us in your prayers during this busy time.

Prayer Requests:

Continued Growth: Pray for the church in Helsinki, that it may continue to grow and flourish. Pray that those who were hesitant to meet with us in our home will feel more comfortable meeting with us in our new, neutral location.

Wisdom and Strength: Pray for our family and the others involved here, that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit in all our endeavors and be a witness where ever we may go.

Open Hearts: Pray for the people of Finland, that their hearts may be open to the gospel and that we may find more opportunities to share the love of Christ.

Language Learning: Pray that our family will begin to develop a habit of responding in Finnish and developing a more diverse Finnish vocabulary.

Praise for what God has done: We have a signed lease to rent a neutral meeting location. We hope this overcomes the hesitancy of those who did not want to visit our house.

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