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WORLD RECORD HOLDER . . .

We headed out early to the outdoor market. Saturdays are always packed with people everywhere. Finally, we found a place to park and walked past the small shops towards the entrance of the market. This morning was a bit different as we made our way through a small crowd standing in the walkway. Some walked briskly onward while others paused to gaze downward toward the ground. We stopped to see what was happening. There, lying on the ground was a skinny, frail man. He was hunched over leaning against the building. His clothes were worn and tattered and his skin was gray. He was not moving. Beside him on the ground was an almost empty bottle of liquor. The man was dead. No one was crying. No one seemed shocked. There was a silence. Medical help arrived about 30 minutes later. Later we learned from a shop keeper that he was a regular at a bar just steps away from the place where he had died. Just one week earlier, a friend's son, 34 year old, was found dead from alcohol near the same place.



In an effort control alcohol drinking the Lithuanian Government has raised taxes on alcoholic beverages, raised the legal drinking age from 18 to 20, but to no avail. This year Lithuanians have been declared by the World Health Organization to consume the most alcohol, not only in Europe, but in the entire world. A noted Lithuanian psychologist at a university in the city of Kaunas states it is due to "Lithuanian pessimism." He further stated that "we have this character trait and we drown our sorrows in alcohol or we commit suicide." Alcohol continues to be sold in most every small shop, café, and restaurant throughout Lithuania. Lithuania holds the highest suicide rate in the world and now is number one in the world for alcohol consumption as well.

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PRAISES AND REQUESTS

- + Please pray for Lithuanians as they continue to turn to alcohol & suicide for answers. Answers that only Jesus can provide!*
- + To maintain our VISA we must maintain & provide proof of USA health insurance. Please pray as health insurance cost have risen.*
- + Continue to pray for increased monthly financial support. If you would like to support our family, please send your gifts to CMAC. Please mark all donations for "Peedin." All gift are tax deductible.*

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