

The Gift is Given

Song created combining articles of three missionaries. Most Finnish missionaries experienced these type of lessons learned.

(Verse 1: Veli Darwin Rasmussen)

I stood at the door with the cold at my back
Knowing my Finnish was something I lacked
But I thought of my uncle and words he once said:
"The language is given, not just in the head"

We spoke to a couple of prophets and love
Of promises made by the Father above
The husband stood up with a shout and a cry:
"No one learns this fast, it must be a lie!"
We were kicked from the house for the way that we spoke
But the smile on our faces was no simple joke

(Chorus)

For the language of Suomi is rugged and deep
A promise the Lord is determined to keep
When the words that we know aren't enough for the day
The Spirit will give us the right things to say
Not by our power, but held in His hand
As tools for the harvest in this northern land

(Verse 2: Veli Scott Anderson)

The weight of a senior was placed on my soul
But I struggled with Finnish and losing control
I knelt by my bedside and offered a prayer:
"Lord, help me to speak for the people are there"
The very next morning the miracle came
The words felt different, no longer the same

A man turned to me with a look of surprise:
"You sound like you're from where the eastern suns rise"
He thought I was native, a son of the soil
The Lord gave the increase for all of my toil

(Verse 3: Veli Jay Wiseman)

We climbed up the stairs to a group of old homes
While the Spirit moved through us in soft undertones
A lady stood waiting with questions in mind
And I opened my mouth for the answers to find,
and I spoke, but the words weren't my own
A command of the tongue that I'd never been shown
My body was moving, a vessel of grace
While a look of pure wonder crossed Rinne's face
I didn't know what I had said to her then
But the Spirit had answered her, time and again

(Bridge)

Fifty words on a bicycle, day after day
A crash-course of study to find our own way
But we learned that the Spirit is the ultimate key
To unlock the hearts that the Father can see
(Outro) The given word... The answered prayer...
The Spirit is moving everywhere.

Suomi... Finland... The Gift is given.