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Merry Christmas! Linksmų šv.Kalėdų!

I am writing from Lietuva. 2015 will be a special year because on January 1st we will start to use the euro as our money. The euro is the money used in many European Union countries. So the euro will remind us every day that we are part of the European Union. I suppose that's good because we don't want to be part of Russia. It's kind of sad that we have to worry about that.

It's also a little bit sad because I like our money, the Litas. So I thought that I would send some coins to you before they are all gone. I like them. Maybe you do, too.

You can use these coins for the games you play. You can use them like poker chips. You can use them for Monopoly. You can pretend they are worth millions!

You can also make up new games of your own. Here's an idea. Each person gets 10 coins. You choose 5 of your coins and add them up. The other player has to try to make the same combination. If they can make it, then they get to keep one of your coins. If they can't, then you get to keep one of theirs. Then it is their turn. If you have less than 5 coins, then you lose. That's just an idea.

The good thing about the euro is that Lietuva will mint its own version. Our coins will have the Vytis. But we will also use the coins from the other countries. So we can collect the different kinds.

Happy New Year! Laimingų Naujų Metų!

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