



# The Willoughbys

reaching the unreached in *Estonia and Eurasia*

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Dear Praying Friends,

A missionary friend once told me, "A missionary must be an expert of the culture in which he is working." That is perhaps the best advice I have ever received on cross-cultural evangelism. 2012 marks the beginning of our fourth year in Estonia, and we have learned a lot about the Estonian culture. Estonians pride themselves very much for being hard-working, maintaining a trim figure, providing for the development of their children and always being busy. For this reason one of our greatest enemies is that people have no time for God.

**First Baptism:** I was greatly privileged with the honor of baptizing Alo on Christmas Day. The Oleviste congregation was very gracious to let us take part in their baptismal service. Afterwards, we celebrated at a local restaurant with Alo, his wife, and my former language teacher, who comes faithfully to our services. It was a day of victory. Praise God for His goodness!

**Marriage Courses:** While Estonians have no time for God, they seem to also have little time to work on their marriages. A total of five people went through the *Five Love Languages* course with me last year. I plan to run the course again this winter and to start up a monthly discussion/support group, where we will deal with the Bible's teaching on marriage more directly. For this group I hope to draw from the people who have already attended the marriage course. Pray that God would lead me in this endeavor.

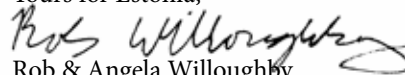
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**Special Visitors:** We were not too busy to enjoy and be thoroughly blessed by the visit of our pastor and his wife from Minnesota. I took some downtime to show them Tallinn's exceptionally well-preserved Old Town with its towers, walls, churches and red-roofed medieval houses and shops. We even toured the parliament building while it was in session! It really meant a lot to us for them to make a special trip just to see us. Thank you Woodcrest Baptist Church for sending them!

**Baby Girl:** Another recent blessing was the arrival of our newest team member, Abigail Renae, who was born on October 5 at 12:52 pm in Viimsi, Estonia. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 inches long. It was another fast delivery, but this time we did much better and arrived at the hospital almost one hour before she was born!

We desperately need to see the power of the Gospel change the hearts of a people who have no time for God. I cannot help people reconcile with their spouses, overcome addictions, or commit their lives to Christ. This was made abundantly clear to me recently. It is the power of the Gospel of Christ that will transform the lives of people living in a culture of "busy-ness." We covet your prayers!

**Ministry Phase:  
Building a Core of Believers**

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