



The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

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Dear Praying Friends,

There is a Soviet era joke about a woman walking into a store to buy some meat. The worker inside replies that they have no meat. When she asks about milk, the worker explains, "I'm a butcher. The grocery store across the street is where they have no milk." The truth is that since even everyday items were always in short supply, it was very important who you knew in Soviet times. Often the only way to find a specific item was through your relatives, friends, and friends of friends. Such relationships were invaluable.

Marriage Course: Relationships are very important to us, too. One way that we make new friends is through our marriage course. The course began again on January 15 with three new couples about our same age! Pray that we will be guided by God's Spirit as we share wisdom on marriage and the love of Christ with them. Also keep in prayer our Sweetheart Banquet that is planned for February 15.

Bible Study: Another friend that I have made is an atheist man named Reimo. We have been going through the Christianity Explored material one-on-one, since the course doesn't officially start until February. I appreciate him for his frankness. He often tells me, "Well, I still think the Bible is all made up and that all those miracles never really happened." So far he remains an atheist, but he is hearing the truth, and I believe that the Holy Spirit can do the convincing work for me. Please pray for Reimo!

Hope and Grace: Some of you may remember Maire, my friend and former Estonian teacher. I got news in early January that her mother passed into eternity after a two year battle with cancer. I had visited her in the hospice in mid-December, and she seemed receptive to the Gospel but not quite ready to make a decision. About a week or so before she died, she asked Maire, "How can my sins be forgiven? I have committed so many sins in my life." Maire answered that Jesus has paid for her sins and that He will forgive her, if she accepts Jesus as her Savior. According to Maire, her mother believed and was saved that day! Is our God gracious enough to save a dying woman? I believe that He is and that we can have hope to see this precious soul again in heaven one day.

Thank you for your prayers as we endeavor to share the Gospel through the relationships that God has given us in Estonia.

Yours for Estonia,

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