



# The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

January 2016

- Evangelizing
- Church Planting
- Bible Institute

Dear Praying Friends,

Me? A veteran missionary? As I am introduced at furlough meetings in our supporting churches in the States, all are reminded that I am a veteran missionary of seven years to Estonia! While these gracious churches do their best to honor us, I find myself reflecting on what I have learned as we have tried our best to share Christ and assist in two different church planting ministries in Estonia. In a few short weeks we will finish our last meetings in the States and return to see what God will allow us to do in the next term on the mission field.

**Family Time:** An important part of our time in the States is always the chance to visit our families, since perhaps the biggest sacrifice for us as missionaries is missing the special occasions with family and birthdays of our little nieces and nephews. At the same time, our loved ones cannot be there for our own children's special moments. For that reason we made sure to spend Christmas with Angela's family in Minnesota, New Year's with my brother's family, as well as time with my parents. These are treasured memories for us.

**Meetings and Travel:** God has been watching over us as we travel on the freeways and country roads in wintry northeastern America. We have been to Minnesota, Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Michigan. Soon, we will be heading south for our final meetings and time with family. I have enjoyed sharing a report on our ministry to churches that have already supported us for close to a decade. I especially have enjoyed sharing my testimony in chapel with young people, many of whom remind me of myself. Our children have learned to be brave being always the new kids in Sunday School. However, little Andrew seems to still have some anxiety issues when we leave him at the nurseries!

**Plans for Peetri:** Every day I think about our new plans to start a church in our town of Peetri when we return to Estonia in February. I have been corresponding with a web designer in Estonia who is creating a logo, business cards, and a website for our new ministry. Following the example of our missionary friend's ministry in Tallinn, we plan to found a non-profit organization under which to operate. As soon as that is in place, we can start having weekly services, host special events, and plan our next Vacation Bible School.

Soon this "veteran" missionary will be returning to the front lines of church planting. Pray with us that God would allow us to see His life-changing power in the lives of the people of Peetri and all of Estonia!

Yours for Estonia,

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

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