



# The Willoughbys

reaching the unreached in *Estonia and Eurasia*



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Dear Praying Friends,

On the night of June 23, Estonians gather around huge bonfires all across the country. St. John's Day, or Jaanipäev, is the big summer holiday in Estonia celebrating the longest day of the year. On that night the sun dips below the horizon for only a couple of hours so that the sky never gets completely dark. Several tons of sausage and pork (the king of meats over here) is grilled at these bonfires. There is singing, dancing, and playing games like tug-of-war.

When I think of the giant bonfire we saw, I think of how we long to be a burning beacon of truth in Estonia. However, each bonfire is lit by only a small match. If we want to see God do something great in Estonia, it must begin by sharing the Gospel within the small opportunities God is giving us every day.

**New Bible Study:** One such opportunity for sharing the Gospel has been in starting a Bible study with two Estonian ladies (in Estonian!). Both of them are good friends of ours, and I believe God is working in their hearts. One seems to be a believer with almost no knowledge of Scripture, while the other readily admits that she is not a Christian at all, but she does want to come to our Bible study. So far we have studied about creation and the fall of man. The ladies' questions have been surprisingly deep and thoughtful. This opportunity is a major breakthrough for me! Pray for these dear ladies.

- Evangelizing
- Church Planting
- Bible Institute
- Translation

**English Group:** We continue to fan the Gospel flames in our English Bible study group. We can see God working in the heart of the Chinese girl who comes faithfully to our meetings. She has so many questions and doubts about God's goodness, but she seems to be making progress towards a life of faith and blessing. Please pray for her and for her boyfriend from Belarus, whom we are also trying to reach.

**Language:** My language studies have transitioned from formal classroom instruction to real life experiences. I still meet with a private teacher once or twice a week, but I have been putting myself into Estonian language environments as well. In June, I helped out at a local soup kitchen where the staff spoke almost no English at all. I just came back from four days at a Baptist children's camp, where I spoke entirely in Estonian except for about 20 minutes! I cannot tell you how rewarding it is to see the fruits of so many hours of study!

Continue praying that the Gospel flames would be kindled in Estonia so that we can see the Good News catch fire all across this land.

**Ministry Phase:**  
**Relationship Building**

Yours for Estonia,

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