



The Willoughbys

reaching the unreached in *Estonia and Eurasia*



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Dear Praying Friends,

I managed to keep a neutral expression on my face as the airport TSA officer told us to step aside for an extra-thorough security check. At least we had already checked in our six 50 pound suitcases! I was sure that we would have to empty our cloth bag bulging with "things," our two backpacks, a Wal-Mart bag stuffed beyond capacity, and our large carry-on suitcase, which we could barely zip closed. Then there was a big, clumsy car seat and RoseLynn in her stroller. Of course, TSA did not let us down. The adventure had begun.

We arrived in Estonia on January 14. For the first two and a half weeks in Estonia, I was running at full speed applying for residence permits, buying a car, moving into our rental home, getting lost, and helping Angela shop. Then I got a bad cold, and all progress halted for a week. I was quickly reminded that I am a frail human who must depend on God's strength. God is taking good care of us. Now we live in a comfortable home and drive a dependable car. Perhaps the best news is that our applications for residence permits have been approved!

Language classes: One of our first priorities in Estonia is to learn the language. Angela is taking classes at a language school, while I am meeting daily with a private tutor. I finally found out why Estonian has no future tense. My teacher said, "We have enough to worry about in the present that we have no time to talk about the future!" Since we already can read and understand a lot of words, Angela and I feel vindicated in our decision last summer to take the Estonian course in Los Angeles. My goal is to obtain fluency within one or two years. Please pray for us as we learn Estonian.

► **Evangelizing**

► **Church Planting**

► **Bible Institute**

► **Translation**

Ministry: It has been a blessing to attend services at International Baptist Church of Tallinn. Andrew Bunnell and, more recently, Bob Gilley have done a great job in reaching English speaking people in this city. I look forward to having a more active role in this ministry later this year.

EurasiaOutreach Update: The most pressing goal of EurasiaOutreach at this time is to raise monthly support for Arif, an Afghan who came to Christ and has become an evangelist and church planter in Muslim communities. Although it is difficult for us to access and have successful and lasting ministry in areas of the world dominated by Islam, a believer like Arif is able to reach these people much more effectively. If you also have a burden for reaching Muslims or would like to help Arif, please contact me immediately.

This is the greatest adventure of our lives. We are depending on your prayers and support. Please pray for our continued adjustment to life in Estonia and pray for Angela as she nears the baby's due date in mid-April.

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Yours for Estonia,

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