



The Willoughbys

reaching the unreached in *Estonia and Eurasia*

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Dear Praying Friends,

When the German armies withdrew from Estonia in the fall of 1918, the Bolshevik Red Army began moving in to retake the territories of former czarist Russia. Because of the Estonian national awakening of the late 1800's, the Estonians felt this was their chance for independence. Although the ill-prepared Estonian forces were initially overrun, losing half of Estonia to the Reds, the tide suddenly changed in their favor in early January 1919. On February 24, 1920, Estonia became a sovereign nation for the first time in history. Recently, we joined Estonia in celebrating the 92nd year since declaring independence.

Angela and I are still striving to learn the language of those Estonian freedom fighters! Angela continues to meet with her tutor and attend language school. I study Estonian for four hours a week at Tallinn University and meet with a tutor on Fridays. Continue praying that our language skills will improve!

Driver's Licenses: Like the Estonians who faced the Red Army decades ago, we feel at times that we are facing incredible challenges. According to Estonian law, Americans can exchange their American driver's license for an Estonian license within the first year of residence in Estonia. However, when I went to the appropriate government office to do this simple procedure, I was told that my license was not valid in Estonia due to a technicality. This means that we would have to go through Estonian driving school (over two months long), take exams, and use a restricted license for two years. Not to mention, this would cost up to \$2,000! We had given up all hope until a Christian friend referred us to a good lawyer. This lawyer was able to negotiate with the person who could make an exception for us. Praise God, we were able to simply exchange our licenses for Estonian ones without further hassle and for a fraction of the cost!

Bible Study: I am excited about the opportunity of leading a home Bible study in connection with International Baptist Church of Tallinn starting this spring. Though the meetings will be conducted in English, I hope to start an Estonian language Bible study from this in God's timing. Some of our English speaking friends may come to our home Bible study, who normally would never step foot in a church building. Pray that this will be a great channel of outreach!

We are much like the Finnish volunteers, who came to fight alongside the Estonians in 1918. We are in Estonia, and with Jesus as our Captain, we are challenging Satan's claim on this land that he has held for so long. Pray that God would give us courage, wisdom, and His Spirit's filling for the cause of freedom.

**Ministry Phase:
Language Acquisition**

Yours for Estonia,

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- Evangelizing
- Church Planting
- Bible Institute
- Translation



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