



The Willoughbys

reaching the unreached in *Estonia and Eurasia*

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Dear Praying Friends,

On March 6 Estonians voted in their parliamentary elections with nearly 250,000 citizens voting electronically in the privacy of their own homes. We enjoyed watching the sparks fly between the different parties that were battling to win the most seats in the national parliament. One party's slogan was "A New Beginning," and another's was simply, "Enough!" The winning party's slogan stated assuredly, "You can be certain." Only time will tell how much certainty the ruling party will bring, but God offers the Estonian people the certainty of knowing that their sins are forgiven by the death of Jesus on the cross.

Speaking of certainty, it seems that God has confirmed to us that the time is right to begin having Estonian services. As soon as we committed ourselves, the money began to pour in! The pastor of Slippery Rock Baptist Church in Pennsylvania called me in late December and pledged to cover our costs for chairs, Bibles and hymnals. Unusually large Christmas offerings from our supporters (especially from God's Way Baptist in Alabama and Emmanuel Baptist in Georgia) provided the money to buy a new, digital piano, and then, to top it all off, Campus Church in Pensacola decided to take a special offering in February to make some much needed improvements to our meeting place! I am simply amazed at the providence of God!

Estonian Services: Our first service was on February 6. We had a surprising 18 people in attendance! Since then our numbers have been lower, but several of our unsaved friends have come and have heard the Gospel in their heart language. Starting a church has turned out to be the most exciting and fulfilling undertaking of my life! I am forced to read most of my sermons for now, but with each week I am gaining confidence and ability to share the Gospel in the Estonian language. I am very pleased to notice the spiritual growth in my teacher. Last Sunday she brought her husband, and she is excited that another of her friends will probably come as well! We ask you to pray for these services as often as possible!

New Partnership: As I shared in our last letter, we are working very closely with a veteran missionary. He has enough language ability to lead the song service, while his wife teaches Sunday school to our children. This has certainly turned out to be a great partnership, since some of his Estonian friends have also come to our services. Together, we are strategizing on how to reach the spiritually indifferent souls of Estonia.

The campaign slogan that said, "You can be certain," will soon be forgotten, but we are here to tell the people about God's certain, unchanging character and promises. Pray for us as we work to see God start a new church in Estonia!

Yours for Estonia,

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Ministry Phase:
Building a Core of Believers

- Evangelizing
- Church Planting
- Bible Institute
- Translation

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