



The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

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Dear Praying Friends,

In the latter end of World War I the new communist government of Russia sent the Red Army to reclaim the Baltic territories that had been lost to the Germans. However, the Baltic peoples knew that this was their chance to expel the occupiers and govern themselves for the first time in 700 years. Estonia declared its independence on February 24, 1918, and looked forward to a bright future. This year Estonia celebrated 100 years of independence (they consider the years of Soviet rule an occupation of their country) and look forward to greater prosperity to come.

Services: While the 100 year anniversary of the Republic of Estonia is a cause for pride to the Estonians, our source of encouragement has been the new momentum in our Sunday services since the holidays. I am preaching through the Book of Acts, which constantly reminds us of our duty to share the Gospel with those around us. Almost out of nowhere God has sent us two new couples who are eager to grow in faith and serve in our church. One couple in particular, Mattias and Triin, have brought new energy into our ministry. Tanel and Chia have also started coming. Eugene and Geila continue to come with their boys and fill up our Sunday School!

I am also pleased with our children's ministries. Two of RoseLynn's classmates attend my Piiblikool (Bible School) 30 minutes before the Sunday service for Bible doctrinal drills, learning Bible verses, singing, and playing a fun review game. Then they stay for the adult service and fill in the blanks on my sermon outline papers that I hand out. This seems to keep them engaged. The younger children go to Sunday School with Angela, and she believes that Sunday School goes much smoother with just the younger children!

Outreach: Our plans to start going door-to-door are still on track! We will meet at least twice for strategizing/training sessions with our people. We need to decide whether special materials need to be printed and how to record data for our questionnaire approach. Finally, it will be time to start knocking on doors! We definitely have some work to do first because right now we mostly have people willing to be "silent partners!"

We were glad to celebrate Estonia's 100th anniversary by watching the military parade and eating some cake, but we are more interested in how God is working in our ministry to take one more step forward in planting a church in our community. Thank you for being faithful in your support and prayers!

Ministry Phase:
Building a Core Group of Believers

Next furlough: June-July 2018

Yours for Estonia,

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