



The Willoughbys

reaching the unreached in *Estonia and Eurasia*



May 2009

Dear Praying Friends,

"I want you to know that this weather is not typical for Estonia!" I said to Brant Holladay, our field director, and his wife, Maylou. Our first weeks in Estonia were consistently cloudy and around 30 degrees. To break up the monotony, sometimes it was cloudy, around 30 degrees, and snowing. However, during the three days that the Holladays visited us, the sun was out! The spring sun seems to have a rejuvenating effect upon the people living in Estonia. Suddenly, bicycles, roller blades, and young mothers followed by curious toddlers have appeared where the snow had been. We have been able to meet several of our neighbors who tend to linger outdoors in the warm sunlight. In God's time, we plan to share Christ with them.

Just in Time: On April 17, 2009, Angela gave birth to our first son, Ryland Byron. We know that you have been praying for us because we made it to the hospital just in time! About 5:00 pm Angela began having regular contractions. Expecting a long period of labor, we were not in a hurry to reach the hospital. When the contractions suddenly became very intense, however, we jumped into the car. Angela's soft cries of pain caused me to drive through Tallinn traffic like a Baptist late for a pie fellowship. We arrived at the hospital at 9:00 pm. At exactly 9:11 pm, Ryland was born!

- Evangelizing
- Church Planting
- Bible Institute
- Translation

EurasiaOutreach Trips: I am eagerly anticipating a couple of trips with my EurasiaOutreach teammates. In May, we plan to visit Arif, an Afghan evangelist and former Muslim, and help him get started in planting another church reaching a new group of Muslims. In June, we will be meeting with several national pastors from a country that is over 90% Muslim. Pray for safety and for God's hand of blessing and provision during these important trips.

The bright, Estonian sun is bringing warmth and new life to this northern country. The days are light from about 5:00 am to 10:00 pm. Soon there will be a few days without any darkness at all. Even as God has ordained the sun to give *physical* life to the earth, pray that the Light of the Gospel, that God has ordained to give *eternal* life to the souls of men, would also shine brilliantly in this spiritually dark land.

Ministry Phase:
Language Acquisition

Yours for Estonia,

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