



The Willoughbys

reaching the unreached in *Estonia and Eurasia*

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Dear Praying Friends,

“You may apply to extend your residence permit, but your wife may not,” the immigration office worker told us matter-of-factly. Needless to say that put us off to a rough start when we went to apply to extend our residence permits to live in Estonia. However, we had gone through this process before, and, even though we had no idea how, we trusted God that this obstacle would eventually be worked out.

Resurrection Sunday: Mike Smith and I decided to have a joint multi-language service for Easter. About 40 people came to this service. We sang in three languages, and the resurrection message was preached in English, Ukrainian, Estonian and Russian. After the service, we enjoyed a time of food and fellowship (after all, we are Baptists!). I was glad to preach in Estonian and to see that eight Estonians came to celebrate our Lord’s resurrection.

Alo: We have been trusting in God that somehow we will be used to bring people to Christ in this land of spiritual apathy. God has brought Alo, my teacher’s husband, across our path. My teacher had been telling me that Alo is not a believer but that he has really been thinking about the Gospel and about my Sunday messages. Back in March I met with him at a café. He opened up to me and said that he wants to believe the Gospel. I was elated! He is not yet ready to make a decision, but I told him as clearly as possible in Estonian that I am available to help him. I suggested that he read the Gospel of John. Not only did he read through John several times, but he has also decided to read the whole Bible. I take this as confirmation that God is working in his heart. Pray for Alo to receive Christ as his personal Savior!

VBS: We are planning to hold a Vacation Bible School June 13-17 with the Smith family. This will be somewhat of an experiment. Everything will be in English except for the Bible lessons, which will be in Russian and Estonian. We hope to appeal to parents who want their children to learn English, and we hope to meet families who live near our building that we use for church services. We are doing what we can and trusting God for the results.

We finally received our residence permits that allow Angela and me to live in Estonia for two more years with our two and a half children (yes, our third one is on the way!). We must trust God in everyday matters like renewing our residence permits, but we are also trusting God that He will use us to bring the Gospel to the dear people of Estonia and start a new church. Pray that God would work miraculously!

- Evangelizing
- Church Planting
- Bible Institute
- Translation

Ministry Phase:
Building a Core of Believers

Yours for Estonia,

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