



# The Willoughbys

## Reaching Russians in Estonia



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Dear Praying Friends,

In the fall, many people think about school resuming, raking leaves, hunting season, and harvest season, but, for missionaries, we are often thinking, "conference season!" Of course, Angela and I are no exception. We were in some great missions conferences and meetings during September in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Minnesota. Already, three of those churches have added us to their missionary family! In October, we visited churches in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, California, and Ontario. Many seeds of support have been sown, and we are now waiting on the Lord to give us a harvest.

Speaking of harvest, we had the opportunity to visit a Russian Baptist church near Minneapolis that was having their *zhatva*, or harvest, service. This is the Russian version of Thanksgiving and is based on the Old Testament feasts of Israel. At the front of the auditorium, many different fruits and vegetables were arranged to spell the word, *zhatva*. This was a truly cultural experience.

**Needed Support Adjustment:** When you look at our support level update on the bottom of the page, you may be under the impression that our support has decreased since our last prayer letter. However, let me assure you that is not the case! Several veteran missionaries to Europe have advised me to raise our level of needed support. Because of the growing value of the euro and the shrinking value of the U.S. dollar, missionaries in Europe lose about 30% in exchange. Estonia already has their currency linked with the euro and plans to adopt the euro within five years. This means that the cost of living and doing ministry in Estonia will only increase. We want the ministry that you are supporting in Estonia to have the financial freedom to do God's work well, so we have increased our level of needed support.

Our missionary partners, Andrew and Sarah Bunnell, have been in Estonia for over two months now. Please pray for us as we strategize together on how to best begin our ministry there. Pray that we can join the Bunnells as soon as possible and help them build the foundations for a dynamic outreach in Estonia. May God give us a great harvest there!

**Deputation Status:**

Meetings Held	102
Miles Traveled	39,705
September Support Level	33.9%
October Support Level	38.3%

Yours for Estonia,

Rob & Angela Willoughby  
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