



The Willoughbys

reaching the unreached in *Estonia and Eurasia*

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Dear Praying Friends,

“Yes, I do have a question about Christianity,” replied my Estonian friend. “What do you think about the Spanish conquistadors who slaughtered and abused thousands of people in Central and South America in the name of Christianity and then forced their religion on them?” This was the big question that my friend asked me the first time we talked in depth about my faith in Jesus Christ. Though his question reflected his true feelings about the Gospel, this was perhaps the most fulfilling moment of my first 21 months on the mission field! Our friendship has now reached the point where we can freely discuss what matters most in the world to us, even the taboo topic of religion!

Bible Study: On Saturday, October 23, I began a study on the Gospel of Mark with the same two ladies who faithfully met with me during the summer. I am putting a lot more time and effort into this study, so that less time will be lost searching for the right Estonian word during our class time. My hope is that an in depth look at the life of Jesus will give the Holy Spirit plenty of opportunity to do His work in the hearts of these dear ladies. I have invited a young man who is not a believer to come to the study as well. He said he would like to come some time. Pray for this young man. He has been coming to the Estonian church that we attend, and I think that he may be “not far from the kingdom.”

Language: Angela and I continue to plug away at the Estonian language. We are each meeting twice a week with private tutors. My Russian class meets three times a week and is a lot of fun! This Russian teacher is much more animated than any of the Estonian teachers that I have had!

English Ministry: We continue to be involved at the International Baptist Church. Our English language Bible study attendance has been up and down since internationals seem to be constantly traveling to and from their homeland. A fellow missionary and I are team preaching through the book of Ephesians at the Sunday worship services. I am really enjoying the opportunity to preach, since I have not dared to preach in Estonian yet!

At this stage we are trying to build relationships with people in Estonia, so that we can share God’s love with them. We have found that Estonians are much more open to talking about eternity with a friend than with a stranger, so we got a novel idea: “Why don’t we become their friends!” By the way, I did give my skeptical friend a quick answer to his conquistador question, but what he really needs is not a well-worded explanation, but rather, to see Christ in me, which is more powerful than any logical argument! Pray for us that we can reach these dear people for whom Christ gave His life!

Ministry Phase:
Relationship Building

Yours for Estonia,

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- Evangelizing
- Church Planting
- Bible Institute
- Translation

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