



The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

November 2017

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Dear Praying Friends,

“The darker the night, the brighter the light shines.” This is my favorite line from an encouraging song I often hear on Christian radio. This thought is especially encouraging this time of year when the daylight can be as short as six hours. This dark time of year reflects the true spiritual condition in the hearts of thousands of people living in the least religious nation in the world. However, the gloom and darkness only makes the light of the Gospel to seem to shine brighter as a sharply contrasting alternative to a life without God.

Services: We continue to shine the light weekly as we offer hope from the Scriptures every Sunday at our morning services. Eugene, an Englishman, and his family faithfully worship with us. RoseLynn’s friend, Rebecca, comes about every other Sunday and follows the teaching closely. We are in the middle of a series on the book of Matthew that will conveniently end before Christmas. Please pray with us that a second and third family would join with us so that our light will shine even brighter!

Piiblikool: Now to enlighten you on this Estonian word! *Piiblikool* is a combination of “*Piibli*,” which is “Bible (spelled with a “P”) and “*kool*,” or “school.” I decided to change the name of Bible Discovery to *Piiblikool* (Bible School) in order to reflect some fundamental changes in my approach. The program is now in Estonian, though we sing English songs. I am trying out a simple points and reward system for memorizing Bible verses and the books of the Bible, attendance, bringing friends, and completing special assignments. However, as always, it is very difficult to get kids coming to a weekly activity of any kind, so it has been mostly my own children who attend. We are having a great time by ourselves, but please pray some of RoseLynn’s and Ryland’s classmates would come, too!

Though these late fall days tend to be dark, overcast, cold, and wet, we keep the steady, warm light of the Gospel shining as a beacon to those who wonder if perhaps there is a God who loves them. We are always searching for the atheist and the skeptic or even the lost sheep, who are ready to hear the truth and receive eternal life. Thank you for helping us keep that light shining!

Yours for Estonia,

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RoseLynn, Ryland, Abigail, and Andrew

Ministry Phase:
Building a Core Group of Believers

Next furlough: June-July 2018

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