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The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

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Dear Praying Friends,

Death has a way of giving fresh meaning to life. On August 11 my brother's wife passed away unexpectedly at age 29 and left behind her family, including two small boys. I was able to fly to Iowa for the funeral and to support my brother for several days before returning to Estonia. So often we think that we still have so much time to finish our story and leave our legacy, but 29 years may be all we have. What could be said of your life if today was your last day?

Israel: By the way, be sure to add "trip to Israel" to your list of things to do before you die! Angela and I attended the BIMI field conference in Israel with our children, RoseLynn and Ryland. Needless to say, it was an amazing trip with great fellowship with our missionary friends from all over Europe.

VBS Follow-up: God is really working in the lives of those touched by our June VBS. We had Astrid, our puppeteer, and her mother, Ingrid, over for a summer grill-out at our home. Though Astrid does not seem ready to think too seriously about salvation, Ingrid told us that she has been listening to Christian radio and is especially interested in the Christian teachings of forgiveness. Really!? I would have never suspected it. Please keep Ingrid in your prayers.

Also pray for RoseLynn's school friend, Rebecca, who was the most responsive child to my Gospel presentations at VBS. She has started to come to church on Sundays! She listens attentively and enjoys the craft time. It would be so inspiring to RoseLynn if Rebecca comes to faith in Christ!

Discovery class: Though my Bible Discovery class was not as successful as I hoped last year, I plan to teach it again making significant changes based on what I have learned. The fact that it was taught in English did not seem to be a big draw. The most determining factor was whether the child already had that hour scheduled with another after-school activity (sports, art, music, clubs, etc.). For that reason, I must wait until October to see when the other activities are scheduled in order to avoid a conflict. You can pray with me about decisions concerning location, course content, and the willingness of the children, since, ultimately, if the child insists on going, the parents let them go!

The fact is, as I think about the brevity of life and the legacy that I would leave behind so far, I'm not satisfied. I want to see more people coming to faith in Christ. I want to see God change more lives around me with the power of the Gospel. I want my children to know that Daddy's life made an inspiring difference for eternity. May the finality of death give us a new fire in life.

Yours for Estonia,

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Building a Core Group of Believers

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