



# The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

July 2023

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Dear Praying Friends,

A dramatic change happens in Estonia every summer. After so many months of cold, wind, wet, ice, and cloudy days, the warm, sunny weather sends Estonians racing to their country homes, vacations, road trips, and outdoor activities of all kinds. Though this means that many people are away, it also means that we have many ministry opportunities that can only happen in the summer.

**June VBS:** We had a good attendance this year with a high day of 25 children and a total of 31 different children throughout the week including many first timers. They heard a clear presentation of the Gospel in Estonian several times. Pray that the Lord would water the seed of His Word in their hearts.

We were going to be a little short on helpers, but then God sent us Raivo at the last minute! Through some extraordinary circumstances, he came from Australia back to live in Estonia just a few days before VBS began. Knowing that he comes from a church of like faith, I asked him to lead the game time each day. He gladly agreed. RoseLynn was our puppeteer and store manager, Abigail helped make the verse and theme posters, Ryland helped with setup, take down, and handing out tickets, and Astrid ran the Powerpoint and helped with crafts and lunch. Angela and I did everything else! God gave us a great team this year.

**Youth:** During VBS week we had youth meetings Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evening. We had about six teens each evening. We had a lot of fun with crazy games like building spaghetti towers and knocking down army men with rubber bands. Most of them listened closely to the Bible lessons. We are still waiting for some of them to make a decision to follow Christ. Keep praying! It must be hard to believe in Jesus in such a non-religious culture.

**Summer Events:** We have several more events coming up this summer. We are gearing up to do some canvassing once the new church fliers are printed. The children are coming to our garage every Wednesday to build their Pinewood Derby cars. At the end of July we will have a baptismal service and another youth meeting. The two big events in August are always making our church known at the Peetri Fair on August 12<sup>th</sup> and on Café Day on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for these special events and outreaches!

Yours for Estonia,

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