



The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

November 2023

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Dear Praying Friends,

“There is no bad weather, only bad clothing,” is a commonly quoted Estonian saying this time of year. Well, due to the “not bad weather,” we find ourselves spending more time indoors! Ministry has not stopped but has rather shifted to other activities.

Church: As a church we made our presence known to the community through our summer outreaches and canvassing. We even went door-to-door for a few weeks and found that many people knew about us from the Peetri Fair and from the church flyers put in their mailboxes. Church attendance has stayed much the same, however, with Eugene, Rebeka, and Sergei coming regularly. We are still praying for God to touch the hearts of the many with whom we were able to share the Gospel.

We celebrated Harvest Sunday on October 22 with a Thanksgiving-style meal at our home after the morning service. It was such a blessing to have Angela’s mother with us for that time. We enjoyed some good fellowship as well as the apple pies made by Angela and RoseLynn!

Young Helpers: I am personally encouraged by the ways that our own children have been helping in our ministry. Not only did they participate in all of our summer outreach activities, but they also serve along with us on a weekly basis. Ryland runs the PowerPoint slides so that my hands are free to direct the music. RoseLynn has recently been accompanying on the piano for one of our hymns each service. RoseLynn, Ryland, and Abigail are helping in different ways during the Bible Club time. Most of their help during Bible Club is behind the scenes writing questions for the review game and making a verse list for the sword drill for example. Ryland is the bravest one learning to teach memory verses to a group of rowdy little boys, who think everything is really funny! Ok, I’m done bragging on my kids.

Teens: We continue meeting at least once a month with our teens. Three of them have told me that they are not believers, so I continue sharing the Gospel with them and challenging them to think differently about life than the culture that they are in.

Raivo Update: For everyone who is praying for Raivo, I just want to give a short update. He and his family are still tying up loose ends in Australia and hope to join us sometime in January. We are all waiting on God to do things in His way and in His time.

Pray for opportunities for us to share the Gospel and to be a blessing to others even though the weather has turned colder and wetter. Ryland and I have met some people at a local board game club, which has become a way for us to share our faith while having fun. Pray with us for God to touch hearts and change lives forever!

Yours for Estonia,

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Next Furlough: Summer 2024

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