



# The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

December 2019

- Evangelizing
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Dear Praying Friends,

Once again I find myself doing something on the mission field that I thought I would never do. As a teenager, I remember going to youth group activities and having a fun, out-going youth pastor. I also remember being the "quiet one" who blushed on the outside and had a building sense of panic on the inside whenever I became the center of attention for even a moment. Could I ever see myself as a cool, exciting youth pastor? Not a chance! And yet, this fall we started our first teen ministry.

Teen Time actually began back in June when the Connect Team came to help us for a week with VBS during the day and youth meetings in the evenings. Since we have learned from past experience that the summer is not the time to get people to commit to anything, we waited until September to start having regular Teen Time meetings. We were delighted when nearly all the teens from June came back on September 21! We have had Teen Time five times already this fall with a good turnout each time.

Thankfully, I have not had to rely solely on my own skills and energy to pull this off! Adam Lewis has driven up from southern Estonia with his own teen children to help us with games. He really spices up the atmosphere with his love of a good game and his love for people. This frees me up to plan each meeting and work on the Bible lesson.

Speaking of Bible lessons, we have an amazing opportunity with the teens that Estonian adults have never afforded me. The teens will come to Teen Time and listen to me explain the Gospel and challenge their secular thinking. I love it when I get them to respond to the lesson and think with me. Just like adult Estonians, they are very frank and not worried about hurting my feelings! I don't mind because the first step with secular people is always getting them to think critically.

Before I go, let me share just a couple of praises. We renewed our residence permits in November with no problems at all! That was a first. We are nearing the end of the *Five Love Languages* marriage course. Thursday night is Estonian night with five couples coming, and Friday night is in English with one couple from our church. The course seems to be a blessing to all and a good reminder for me, too.

Please be praying for the teens who have not yet made a decision for Christ, especially RoseLynn's friend Andrea, who listens very intently each time. Pray that our group would grow and that God would guide us and use us in spite of our shortcomings.

**Ministry Phase:**  
**Building a Core Group of Believers**

Yours for Estonia,

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