



The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

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Dear Praying Friends,

Having run some 10k races and even a 16k race (which I have decided is definitely my limit!), I identify with Paul's many references to sports competition. Of course, in a long distance run, you have to pace yourself so that you can keep the fastest possible speed from start to finish without slowing down. The winner is not the one who burns out in the first half of the race, but the one who keeps a steady pace. Our ministry in Estonia works exactly the same way!

Travels and Blessings: Thankfully, November's fast pace was not the norm! We spent five days in November in Germany at the annual Mission Possible Retreat, which was a blessing to the entire family. When we got back, I spent one night at home and then returned to the airport to make my journey to Iowa for my brother's wedding. God's grace was on display in his life after having lost his first wife and mother of his two small boys last year. In spite of a cancelled flight I finally made it home the following week and returned to normal life!

Services, Bible Study: Slow and steady wins the race. Likewise the attendance at our services is holding steady thanks to our regulars, Mattias and Triin, and Tanel and Jia. RoseLynn's friend, Rebecca is also coming when she can. We were glad to see Geila coming again with her boys after a long period of absence! Be sure to pray for Eugene, though, as he has been very discouraged and has not been to a service for about two months. He needs faith in God to see him through a personal struggle he is facing.

Our Wednesday Bible study is also going well thanks to the hunger for truth in our regulars. We are now studying the life of the patriarchs in Genesis.

Film night: Our December film night has become an annual tradition at our church. We watched a movie on the power of prayer, which was very convicting! We had 17 people including children whom Angela was entertaining in the Sunday School room. Mari, who has recently started coming to services, was also there with her two children. She expressed to me at the end of the evening that she wishes she could live right like the others in our church. Pray that God would continue working in this dear woman's heart and draw her to Himself!

Lord's Supper: Our steady pace saw us past yet another milestone when Open Bible Baptist Church observed its first ever Lord's Supper on December 30. The service seemed to go smoothly, even though it was my first time to actually administer the Lord's Supper myself. We look forward to many more "firsts" in the New Year!

By God's grace we will continue to run the race supported by your gifts and prayers.

Yours for Estonia,

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