



# The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

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Dear Praying Friends,

"So why do you live in Estonia?" When I am asked this question (and practically every Estonian I meet will ask it) there usually come to mind several reasons why I would *not* live in Estonia: one of them being the climate. This time of year we get about six hours of daylight dimmed by gray, overcast skies. The absence of snow adds to the darkness, and drizzly rain keeps the ground soft and muddy. On many days the wind blows hard to make sure we feel the chilling effects of the damp, cold air. However, I do not live here for the climate; I live here to introduce others to the Savior and to bring them true joy through obedience to the teachings of God's Word!

For example, our marriage course has had a great impact on the couples who attended. One couple in particular mentioned to me more than once that things definitely have changed for the better in their home! They are understanding each other better than ever before. If God would use me to make a difference in someone's life like that, then bring on the nasty weather!

**Teen Time:** Ministering to the teens continues to give us a real sense of purpose and mission even when it gets dark by 4 pm, and the dog comes in with muddy paws! Angela has really stepped up by baking as a group activity with the girls who come. She knows I struggle coming up with different games each time! Keep praying for Andrea. We had a good conversation last Teen Time. She no longer calls herself an atheist, but acknowledges the existence of some kind of God. Alina and Kristin also seem to be tracking with me during the lesson time, though they are still rather reluctant to agree with me too much!

**Film Night:** Our December film night went well with a family coming whose son, Trevis, seems to be dropping away from their church. At age 11 the things of God are losing their appeal when he could be playing video games or watching YouTube. He really enjoyed watching *Courageous* with us. He has come to our VBS for several years now, so pray that he will return for his last year at our VBS in June and that he would remain true to his Lord! Again, if enduring some cold, windy days means we can be an encouragement to a family like that, then it is totally worth it!

What keeps us here in Estonia is confidence in the Lord's calling and seeing God change lives around us. I suppose the most honest answer to why I live in Estonia is the same as why we came in the first place: the Lord's calling and seeing God's working in Estonian lives around us! Thank you for partnering with us.

Yours for Estonia,

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