



The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

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Dear Praying Friends,

What could be more exciting than building your own racecar, painting it, and then racing it against other cars in a grand event? The New Year brings with it a fresh hope and new energy. We are now back in the saddle here in Estonia and navigating the path the Lord has set before us in 2021. This path seems to include introducing Pinewood Derby racing to Estonia.

Furlough: Our brief furlough was a complete success. God allowed us to see almost all our immediate family and report to six churches in California, Minnesota, Alabama, and Ohio. We intentionally kept our time in America short, since we have no one to keep our Sunday services going for an extended period. God kept us from getting sick until most of our traveling was over. This seemed to be a miracle in and of itself, since people all around us were either just coming out of isolation, having just recovered from the virus, or ended up getting the virus soon after we saw them! Praise the Lord we only had to stay home for one Sunday after we got back to Estonia to fulfill the 10-day quarantine. It is good to be back with our people!

Services: Services remain steady as Eugene's and Mattias' families continue to attend faithfully. Another blessing is that the Estonian government is purposely leaving churches and other "cultural" aspects of society open considering them "essential" for people's well-being. Regardless of the reason, we'll take it! I challenged the church for us to read through the Bible this year, and they have responded well. We will also be memorizing Scripture together each month much like our sending church does. My challenge to hand out tracts met with much less enthusiasm, but our people are growing!

Children's Ministries: We have recognized God's hand of blessing on our outreach to children and youth. Angela encouraged me to restart our pre-service children's class on Sundays. This was an excellent suggestion as we now have a real class with not only our own children, but also Eugene's three boys and Abigail's friend from school. Even a couple of children from last year's VBS may start coming! I am doing my best to encourage RoseLynn, who is about to turn 14, to step up and help me teach the class. Pray for her that God would show her that she is quite capable to serve Him in this capacity even at her age. I could sure use the help!

I also have plans to start up some kind of an outreach using a Pinewood Derby Race. Since this is totally unheard of in Estonia, I have to start from scratch. I am building a racetrack with my limited handyman skills. The pinewood derby car kits themselves will have to be ordered online. I am beginning to wish I had squeezed in a few more kits into our luggage! Pray with me that God would use this outreach in any way He sees fit. I have in mind starting a boy's club or starting a father-son group. Of course, I hear Pinewood Derby is appealing to many girls as well!

Thinking of Pinewood Derby reminds me of Paul's testimony at the end of his life, "I have finished my course" (2 Timothy 4:7). By God's grace we will run well the course that God has set before us in 2021. Thank you for standing with us!

Yours for Estonia,

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