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January 2025

Dear Praying Friends,

The snow has finally arrived! Our "white Christmas" turned out to be a "dark Christmas," but we are glad for a blanket of snow along with the New Year that brings cheer to the cold and dark days of our Baltic winter.

An Estonian Christmas: We had a Merry Christmas in Estonia with our beloved church family. On December 20 we invited our church family and youth to a film night and watched "The Nativity Story." We had a good turnout, and it was a good reminder of what Christmas is all about. A special meal afterwards was hosted by a dear family.

Sunday the  $22^{nd}$  was our special Christmas service. There was special music, and I preached through Luke chapter 2. We broke up the sermon with the singing of many Christmas hymns. This made it easier for small children to sit through the service.

**Youth & Bible Club:** Our attendance has been steady for both our youth meetings and Bible Club. I am planning to train our oldest children to teach some Bible Club lessons this year. They are a bit nervous, but willing to serve. Keep praying for some of the youth to make salvation decisions.

Counseling: Some needed counseling opportunities have recently materialized. First, a dear couple is in need of marriage counseling. I am glad for the opportunity to serve but sad that the situation has become so dire. Please pray for them! Second, a longtime friend has expressed his desire to get his life back in tune with God. I truly am grateful for the chance to disciple someone who wants to start living for God. Pray that he will make right choices and see real changes in his life!

**Upcoming:** In spite of the snow, we have some goals for the coming months. The first is to finish some tract distribution. We also want to host regular church game nights to develop and make new contacts. Last, I want to focus on training leadership at our youth meetings, Bible Club, and Sunday services.

We have some big plans for this summer including VBS, a music team from our church, and hosting a lunch at the office building. We'll share more details as the time gets closer!

Thankfully, the meaning of Christmas doesn't depend on the weather! We are refreshed and ready to embrace a winter season of ministry. Continue to pray for the Lord to melt cold hearts, so that we could see more salvation and dedication decisions for Him.

Yours for Estonia,

Next Furlough: Summer 2026

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