



The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

July 2018

Dear Praying Friends,

- Evangelizing
- Church Planting
- Bible Institute

Reverse culture shock. That may not be the correct term for it, but it has been happening to us! We have come from Estonian culture where strangers do not exchange words, back to America where every other stranger just starts talking to you and asking you random questions! I have been scrambling to remember how to respond to the unexpected talkativeness of people we pass at the store or going on a walk. We just look at our children afterwards and explain, "Well, people are just friendlier in America!"

VBS: Something else that we had to adjust to before furlough was a shorter, three-day VBS this year with 14 children in attendance. Considering that Angela and I did everything ourselves this time, the shorter week and lower attendance suited us well! Angela organized the craft time, ran the camp store, and taught English, while I taught the Bible lessons, organized game time, did a daily Gospel lesson, led the assembly time, and listened to memory verses while kids earned tickets to spend at the camp store. We praise God that on the last day, one of RoseLynn's school friends, Mia, accepted Christ as her Savior!

Furlough Vehicle: The first order of business when we arrived in Minneapolis was to pick up our furlough vehicle waiting for us in Kansas. This time we are renting a van from Baptist Missionary Transportation Ministry, which is saving us a lot of work fund money compared to using a rental agency.

Furlough meetings: We plan to report to at least 12 of our supporting churches while in the States this furlough. Angela and I spent six days in Chattanooga reporting to churches, meeting with our mission board, and participating in CAMP BIMI, a program that helps young people find their place in missions. While in Minnesota we have reported to three churches including our sending church. Keep us in prayer as we drive from Minnesota to Virginia and back with the whole family in July and early August.

We have some unique opportunities during our furlough. July 23-27 we are helping at a youth day camp in Dyer, Indiana. I will be one of the camp speakers and helping with games and skits. Second, we will finally have a chance to return some of the blessings of Matthew and Sarah Majewski, who have helped us several times with our VBS in Estonia. We plan to help in their church's evangelistic children's program during their community days in Lansing, Iowa. We will also share our ministry to Estonia at their church August 12.

This furlough is turning out to be a time of reacquaintance with American culture and new experiences. Keep us in your prayers as we navigate interstates, highways, and byways in our homeland, and pray for a safe return to Estonia in mid-August!

Ministry Phase:
Building a Core Group of Believers

Yours for Estonia,

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