



The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

July 2021

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Dear Praying Friends,

Swarms of horseflies have been the bane of campers this summer. This unusually hot and dry summer has caused a decline in the mosquito population, but the horseflies seem to be loving it! The older children and I have been trying out some backpacking in the Estonian forests and bogs, but these new adventures in nature come at a cost. I suppose anything worth doing for your family or for the Lord requires a bit of hardship and work.

Services: Praise the Lord, we continue to have a consistent attendance in spite of an unusually hot summer. Sadly, the family that we had to confront has decided to find another church. However, this has re-opened an opportunity for another family to return to us who had mainly been staying away because of the family that left. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21).

VBS Report: This is always our hardest and most fulfilling week of the year. This year's VBS was another great success. We made sure to give the Gospel every day to the 25 children who came. God gave us just enough helpers for the week to go smoothly. RoseLynn was puppeteer, game assistant, and even skit partner a couple of times! She was joined by Ciara, a friend from another missionary family to help with craft time, set up, take down, and running the camp store. Angela did a great job with crafts, leading the songs, and a host of other things.

On Friday we had a short program for the parents. The children quoted the memory verses and sang the camp songs. We ended with awards and a demonstration Pinewood Derby race.

Pinewood Derby: Speaking of Pinewood Derby, we have put in several hours hosting three workshop days at our house this summer. Since this has never been done in Estonia before, I help the children with their car designs, making cuts, sanding, and painting. The big race is scheduled for August 21 in our backyard. Pray for good weather that day! Also pray for us to be able to keep sharing the Gospel and modeling biblical teachings along the way. I am expecting a dozen or so competitors this year, but we may try to go big next year once we know what we are doing!

As we look ahead, August is shaping up to be a busy month of opportunities to promote our church and share the Gospel in our town of Peetri. This all takes work and a bit of discomfort. Experience tells me there will be some disappointments as well, but let's not let a few "horseflies" keep us from giving it a go!

Yours for Estonia,

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