



The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

June 2024

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Dear Praying Friends,

Imagine getting on a rollercoaster ride and hearing the loud clicking of the track as you are being slowly raised to the top of that first big hill. The longer you hear the clicking, the higher and more thrilling the ride will be! Well, we are still going up that hill as Vacation Bible School and our summer furlough get closer.

The Estonian Front: We hear the rollercoaster track do a few clicks with each Sunday that passes. Our numbers have gone down a bit with the long-awaited arrival of some beautiful weather. Some families are taking advantage of this by making weekend plans. However, we continue to minister to the few who come to the service or to Bible Club. At Bible Club we have been playing a lot of outdoor dodgeball and different versions of tag.

Field Conference: As I write this, we are in the middle of BIMI's European Field Conference in Croatia. Dr. Jeff Amsbaugh and his wife have been a great blessing to us through the preaching and fellowship. Of course, the best part about a field conference is the fellowship with other missionaries. We have been reunited with old friends and have made several new ones. Our director, Ed Hembree, and missionaries to Croatia, Ron and Rachel Winkler, have done a lot of work to make this all possible.

VBS: As soon as we return from the Field Conference on May 30, we will be incredibly close to the summit of that first big hill before the wild ride begins. We will freefall into the first downward plunge when VBS begins on June 10. This is always our busiest and most fruitful week of the entire year. At least one local school has their last day of school on June 10, so we are not sure how many children will come that Monday. I recently spoke with Raivo, the Estonian living in Australia, and he should be arriving on that Wednesday to help with the last days of VBS. This will be a great blessing, since his wife is a native Australian, which goes perfectly with our Zoomerang theme this year!

Summer Furlough: Our 7-week summer furlough will begin in Minnesota with a report to our sending church, Woodcrest Baptist. Then the rollercoaster will continue twisting down some high-speed turns as we drive to Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, and back to Minnesota. We will be able to report at 14 of our supporting churches. Along the way, our two oldest will have the opportunity to attend a week of summer camp at Pensacola Christian College. We have plans to see Angela's family in Minnesota and my family in Ohio and Iowa. Please keep us in your prayers as we cover a few thousand miles of American interstate!

One more sharp turn in the track awaits us once we return to Estonia on August 9. We should be back just in time for the annual Peetri Fair to represent our church and share the Gospel. The fair will likely be on the 10th of August. Then we get off the ride and assume a more sustainable pace of ministry in Estonia.

Yours for Estonia,

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Next Furlough: July 2024

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