



The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

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Dear Praying Friends,

“How do you like living in Estonia?” I get this question from just about every Estonian that I meet. Sometimes it takes me a minute to think of how to answer. My first thoughts are often, “The weather is cold, windy, and wet. The people seem rude and uncaring. No one wants to come to my church. Sprat sandwiches and blood sausage are considered delicacies. Do you *really* want to know!?” Seriously though, my honest answer is that Estonia has become our home, and God has blessed us with friends and opportunities to serve Him here.

Children’s ministry: One opportunity to serve the Lord has been through our children’s ministry. Bible Discovery class has continued with Kaarel Mihkel in faithful attendance. We recently moved our meeting place to a local sports complex, which is much easier for children to come to than our rented office. Pray with us that God would fill our class with children learning about the Bible for the first time! We hosted another school break activity on February 23. Praise the Lord that two new children came that day for a Bible lesson, crafts, and bowling!

Christianity Explored: After inviting nearly everyone I know in Peetri to Christianity Explored, a parent from RoseLynn’s class at school and a couple next door said that they were interested. I have been trying to find a good time to start the course with my neighbors, but they have been very busy. However, the parent from school, Marge, was able to meet with us immediately. It turns out she has been studying New Age teachings that deny the biblical doctrine on the sinfulness of man. Once she realized that our course was designed to bring people to repent of their sins and put their faith in Christ, she refused to continue. Thankfully, she agreed to meet and discuss the differences between New Age and Christianity, which we did and hope to continue to do.

Updates on Various People: Some of the greatest blessings of life in Estonia are the people that God has brought across our paths. **Roland**, the airline pilot, continues to grow in faith and in Bible knowledge. At the same time I am disappointed that he does not wish to join my church and has found another one. Still, I am thankful for our Christian friendship. Unfortunately Üllar, who attended my services for about two years, has refused to change his lifelong patterns of lying and selfish behavior and has rejected any biblical counseling. My prayer for Üllar is that he would come to repentance and be broken about his sin. The **couple** who came to my marriage course last fall seem to be giving up hope for a better marriage. Pray that they would be willing to meet for counseling and submit to the Gospel. **Eugene** continues to be a blessing as we meet weekly for discipleship. He has been a true source of joy for me in these recent months to watch him grow and attend our services faithfully with his family. Angela and **Jelena** have been meeting weekly for discipleship.

So how do I like living in Estonia? I could not imagine life any other way. God has called us here. We can put up with the bone-chilling, damp gusts of frigid air and the stone-cold looks from strangers because we understand that we are bringing the glorious light of the Gospel to a people who live in one the darkest corners of the earth. Now that’s something worth living for!

Ministry Phase:
Building a Core Group of Believers
Next furlough: June-July 2018

Yours for Estonia,

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