



# The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

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Dear Praying Friends,

When can we reopen services? Will we be able to do VBS this year? Will our VBS helpers be able to come? When will school be open again? Should we still do a furlough this fall? 2020 has been for us the year of uncertainty. With only a few weeks until our first furlough meeting, we finally decided to commit and purchase our airline tickets to take a six-week furlough.

**Furlough:** On October 19 we began our most unlikely furlough ever. Leaving the family with Grandma and Grandpa in Minnesota, I traveled alone to California. It was inspiring to see how the churches there are keeping their doors open as much as possible in spite of fines and pressure from the State. It has been such a blessing to spend time with family and friends in Minnesota, Iowa, and Alabama! While in Alabama we were able to report to a couple supporting churches in the area. They were very gracious to have us, since our whole Alabama trip was planned last minute. As I write this letter, we are in the middle of our sending church's missions conference in Fridley, Minnesota.

**Holding the Fort:** Meanwhile, our most faithful couple in Estonia, Mattias and Triin, have been hosting our services every Sunday. Missionaries Matt Graziano and Adam Lewis were very helpful in agreeing to preach for me during our short furlough. I have even heard that we have had some visitors! We tried to get some furlough replacement missionaries to come for the entire time, but COVID travel restrictions made that impossible. Needless to say, we are grateful to everyone back in Estonia who are keeping our services going! For the last Sunday that we are gone, I sent Mattias a prerecorded sermon of me preaching in Estonian.

With our furlough quickly coming to an end, we look forward to returning home, that is, to Estonia, with some uncertainty yet awaiting us. The "second wave" is bringing with it the reintroduction of some restrictions as the COVID numbers rise once more. Praise the Lord our confidence is based on truths and promises that are eternally certain! Pray for us that we would find confidence in God's promises and that He would give us wisdom to meet the challenges of the days ahead.

Yours for Estonia,

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