



The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

January 2017

- Evangelizing
- Church Planting
- Bible Institute

Dear Praying Friends,

The shortest day of the year is past, and yet it is still only light out for about six hours a day. Even then it is a dim, weak light shrouded by an ever-present cloud cover. This darkness reminds me of the spiritual darkness of this land that we live in where over 80% of the people have nothing to do with religion of any kind. The darkness is great, but our assignment is clear: bring the Gospel to as many as possible!

Fall Outreach: In the fall, we put a lot of effort into running a marriage course and an English Bible class for children as points of outreach in the community. Four couples signed up for the marriage course, but only one couple came. However, this seeming failure turned out to be a great opportunity to counsel this unbelieving couple using the Word of God. Some nights became rather intense as details were shared that would never have been said in a group setting. The eight-week course ended with each spouse still not willing to be the first to give ground and stop blaming the other. We agreed to meet again in January. The children's Bible class was a lot of fun. Our own RoseLynn and Ryland came every Monday along with another elementary boy, Kaarel Mihkel, from an unbelieving family.

School break event: We invited our VBS kids and our children's classmates to a one day Bible club at the local bowling alley. Three Estonian boys came including Kaarel Mihkel!

Services, discipleship: We basically have three families coming to Sunday services. Besides our family of six, another missionary family comes in support, and Eugene comes with his family nearly every Sunday. Eugene has also been meeting with me on Tuesday mornings for discipleship. He is from England, so language is not a problem (well sometimes it is!). His girlfriend is Estonian, and their three little boys fill up Angela's Sunday School! Please pray for Eugene's spiritual growth. Pray that God would use him in great ways to serve with us in Peetri, Estonia!

Film night: We ended the year with a film night at our meeting place complete with party food, entertainment for the kids, and a Christian film with a strong message about marriage and salvation. As far as I could tell, it was a great success!

Christianity Explored: This winter as the days slowly get longer, I plan to run the evangelistic course, Christianity Explored. My goal is to use the contacts that we already have in our community to find at least a handful of people who would come to such a course. Please pray for me as I invite neighbors, friends, and parents. Since Estonians are notoriously unresponsive to evangelistic efforts, God will have to do His work to open their hearts.

Please pray with us that God would allow us to share the Gospel and bring as many as possible out of the darkness into His light.

Yours for Estonia,

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