



The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

July 2020

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Dear Praying Friends,

There is a beloved Estonian song about the swallow that flies high in the air in fair weather but flies very low to the ground when it rains. Once the storm is over the swallow again can be seen flying high above. "Why can't people be the same way and not let circumstances keep them down," asks the song? Just like the swallow in the rain, we were flying low during the COVID lockdown, but we are picking up the pace once again as restrictions are gradually being lifted.

Services: We have been very thankful to be able to meet for services these last couple of months! We are now meeting in the center of our town at the Peetri shopping center. The new meeting place has already encouraged one of our teens to visit on a Sunday, and Abigail's friend, Emerleah, has been coming by herself to Angela's Sunday School. Eugene has been coming faithfully since the end of the lockdown as well as Mattias and Triin, who continue their attendance.

Teen Time: Due to the fear of COVID-19 not all of our teens are allowed to meet with us right now. We do have a faithful core of three teen girls plus our own RoseLynn. We have been having a great time with outside games, roasting marshmallows at our firepit, and learning more about God and His Word. We are still thankful to our Connect Team who helped us start this youth group last summer. God is working in hearts, and we patiently await a harvest of souls for the Lord!

Mini-VBS: Due to the meeting restrictions that are still in place, we rescheduled our VBS for August 17 - 21 and had a mini-VBS instead. Our mini-VBS lasted for just two days with everything outside. We had 17 children including the teen helpers, which is about how many we usually have! I had the joy of leading two brothers to the Lord on the second day. God is good! Pray that these children would return in August for our weeklong VBS and bring some friends.

Coming Up: August is starting to shape up to be a month of opportunity. In addition to our VBS next month, we are planning a father-son camping trip and possibly an outreach Sunday service. At the end of August Peetri has a local fair as well as a neighborhood café day. Both of these events attract hundreds of local Estonians who come outside to enjoy the last bit of summer weather of the year. We are planning to set up a booth for our church, offer free coffee and cookies, and invite people to an evangelistic event. Please keep this month in prayer!

Even Estonians acknowledge that God has given us a great example of resilience in the simple swallow. The "rains" have been heavy this year, but now it's time for us to get busy serving the Lord and soaring a bit higher!

Yours for Estonia,

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