



The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

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Dear Praying Friends,

As I write this letter, the tenth case of coronavirus in Estonia has been confirmed. Remember Estonia is a nation of just 1.3 million people. Our children's teachers at school have sent e-mails to the parents encouraging everyone to wash their hands often and not to panic. In case of a virus infection in the school, the school will be closed for two weeks to prevent unnecessary contact between the children. It sounds like people need a place to anchor their hope and faith in these uncertain times.

Teen Time: Recently we were given a vivid example of what is at stake with these young people we are trying to reach. A fifteen-year-old boy at our local school took his own life just a few weeks ago. One of my recent talks with our teens addressed that specifically as I again shared the Gospel. Our group has been rather steady with the addition of Astrid's brother, Andres, who is the first boy to start coming! He is also fifteen and quite a character. Keep praying for Andres' and the others' salvation!

Parenting Course: When a young couple in our church, Tanel and Jia, asked for us to start a parenting course, we were thrilled to be able to help them anchor their parenting philosophy in the unchanging Word of God. Their unsaved friends whom they invited came only to the first meeting unfortunately, but we met two times more with Tanel and Jia. It is so exciting when people ask for help and start making biblical changes in their lives!

New Upgrades: I feel like we are about to become Open Bible Baptist Church 2.0. God recently led us to a place at a local shopping center in Peetri where we will begin renting some rooms for Sunday services. This could really be a game-changer because we will finally be in a well-known, visible place in the community. We are allowed to put up an advertisement with our service times in the shopping center entryway! The other big development is our new website that fellow missionary Adam Lewis is working on for us. It will be more attractive, faster, and generally be more useful than the one we have currently. We plan to post my sermons there and to start posting articles on all kinds of topics concerning faith on the site. The result should be more traffic and visibility in a country where the internet is a big part of life.

In a time when people are a bit more nervous about somehow contacting a deadly illness, pray that we can be a steady beacon of hope in an unchanging God through Teen Time, our new meeting place, our new website, and through our everyday contact with people in the community.

Yours for Estonia,

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Building a Core Group of Believers

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