



# The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

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Dear Praying Friends,

There's trouble right here in Peetri! Trouble with a capital "T"! When we first moved to Peetri about 12 years ago, the population was mostly young families with babies. Now those babies are entering their teen years and causing a lot of trouble in our fast-growing town. We regularly receive notifications from the school and see Facebook posts about bold troublemakers. The problems involve e-cigarettes, drinking, destruction of property, and general disregard of authority. Both the school and the parents seem to be at a loss of how to deal with these teenagers. We are sensing that perhaps God has placed us here for "such a time as this."

**Teen Ministry:** Meanwhile, our bi-weekly Teen Time has been struggling to get restarted after the COVID restrictions and then growing disinterest has taken its toll on our numbers. Perhaps it is time to take a more aggressive approach. Pray for God's leading here because there are hundreds of teens in the area who need the Gospel!

**Children's Ministry:** Instead of finding trouble, we are inviting kids to come to our VBS on June 14-18! Just like last year, we are struggling to find helpers. Praise the Lord, our churchgoers are much more willing to lend a hand this year! We have a couple of packages coming from the States with important VBS materials. Please pray that they arrive before VBS! Also pray that God would bless the teaching and that the right children would come.

As a follow-up to VBS we are going to start a Pinewood Derby Bible Club this summer. We have never been able to have an effective follow-up activity for our VBS week. Additionally, we tend to lose contact with children who graduate out of the VBS age group. Our hope is that this Derby idea may be a good transitional platform, so that we could continue teaching them and sharing the Gospel with them. I have built the racetrack except for the stopping section. I ordered official wheels for the cars, and I should be able to source the other items for the car making kits here in Estonia.

**Our Church:** Another source of trouble is in our church itself. We are struggling with a lack of unity in our tiny church body. We are dealing with a family right now who has been the source of most of the strife. (This is not fun.) Please pray for repentance and reconciliation. On the bright side we started a new English Bible study on Thursdays for those who cannot follow along at the Estonian language Bible study on Wednesdays. This will double the amount of weekly teaching for these people.

All this "trouble" may be simply a great door of opportunity. People normally do not seek God when things are going well, but rather when they have tried everything else and don't know what to do. Pray that God would lead us in how to bring eternal hope to our troubled town!

Yours for Estonia,

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**Building a Core Group of Believers**

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