



# The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

March 2024

- Evangelizing
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Dear Praying Friends,

Angela and the girls are watching for signs of the flower bulbs they planted in the fall. Even though they cannot remember exactly where they are, with the thawing of the ground, small, green shoots will begin to mark each awakening bulb. Our ministry has also been in a stage of preparation and anticipation of upcoming events later this year.

**Bible Club:** We are watching for spiritual growth in our regulars who attend Bible Club each week. In addition to learning verses, listening to the Bible story, playing games, and making crafts, we recently pulled out some doctrinal drill questions to teach the children. Also the Sword Drill time to practice finding verses is showing they are growing more familiar with the Bible. I believe some small, green shoots are beginning to appear!

**Services:** We are now about halfway through our series in the Book of Isaiah. I am encouraged to see Eugene's son, Gabriel, starting to attend the morning services as he is phasing out of our Bible Club. Our goal is not to lose these children, but to graduate them and incorporate them into our church service time.

**Youth:** Some bulbs of faith are being planted in the hearts of our teens, as we get them thinking about life, about God, and about truth. We have been discussing worldviews with them this year. The unsaved teens must recognize the inconsistencies and lack of logic in unbiblical worldviews, while the believing teens need to be prepared to defend their faith against attack. They are even beginning to respond to my encouragement for class discussion during the lessons. Of course, some are more outspoken than others, but everyone pays more attention to a discussion than to a lecture!

**Looking Ahead:** There is a lot of preparation for events happening later this year. Leading up to Resurrection Sunday, we will be offering Hope Explored evangelistic sessions on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pray that more seeds of the Gospel will be planted in people's hearts. The BIM! European Field Conference will be in Croatia May 21-24. We are also preparing to run the Zoomerang VBS for the first time in June with a theme of the value and sanctity of every human life. There are a lot of materials to translate into Estonian and a lot of Bible verse and theme posters to print. Finally, our summer furlough begins in late June. We are working on preparations for that and looking forward to seeing many of you! By the way, our support continues to hold steady thanks to our team of faithful supporters and prayer partners!

Pray for the Lord to bless our planting of the Gospel and preparations for a busy spring and summer. We need encouragement, we need the Holy Spirit's leading, and we need open doors for the Gospel. We are counting on your prayers!

Yours for Estonia,

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**Next Furlough: July 2024**

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