



The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

September 2018

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Dear Praying Friends,

Deep inside a forest in northern Illinois something orange caught my eye, and I exclaimed to RoseLynn, "Look, it's a *kukeseen!*" Elated, she helped me pick these trumpet-shaped, forest mushrooms before continuing our hike at Dyer Baptist Church's youth camp. The next morning in Youth Pastor Peter Knezevich's kitchen, we had fried forest mushrooms for breakfast! Everyone was so impressed we didn't immediately die, and RoseLynn was awarded the "Mushroom Hunter" award at the camp's closing ceremony. We are beginning to realize just how Estonian we have become!

Furlough Completed: Our two-month furlough was a very busy and rewarding time. We ended up driving almost exactly 6,000 miles in total between Minnesota and Virginia! Our family was very blessed to revisit 12 of our supporting churches. It was a first for us to be a part of Dyer Baptist Church's teen camp in Indiana. We got to know this church family in a much deeper way than at a typical furlough meeting. We also spent a few days with my dad and brother at the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. Finally, we stayed with the Majewski family in Lansing, Iowa, to help their church reach out to the community during the Lansing Fish Days.

Services: We arrived back in Estonia on August 16 and restarted our Sunday services right away. Everyone who was coming in the spring has come back to join us this fall, which is very encouraging! I will be taking a pause in our series in the book of Acts to cover Paul's letter to the Galatians the next few weeks. Also, since our sending church has provided a new communion set for our church in Estonia, I will be preparing our people for a Lord's Supper service towards the end of the year. Pray that those who still need to accept Jesus as Savior and/or get baptized will take these steps of faith so that they can join us in taking our church's first Lord's Supper!

Youth Program: The next stage of our outreach in the community will be building a youth group. This need has suddenly arisen as RoseLynn is now a "pre-teen," and Ryland is not far behind. About half of our regular VBS campers will be graduating out of the program soon. Pray for wisdom for us in making plans right now of how to set up a place to host youth activities and provide a safe, Christian environment where teens can just hang out and learn about our faith. In God's good timing, BIMI will be hosting a Connect Trip next June to help us launch this new outreach! I will be sharing more details about this trip as the time gets closer.

After getting back to Estonia in August, we felt more than ever before that Estonia is now our home. This is where we have church, pour our hearts into Gospel ministry, do gardening, spend time with friends, and find the best mushrooms! It is a privilege to live here and to be your ambassadors of the Gospel.

Ministry Phase:
Building a Core Group of Believers

Yours for Estonia,

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