The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

September 2026

- **Evangelizing**
- **Church Planting**
- **Reaching Children**

Dear Praying Friends,

I feel like we have finished a 100 yard dash this summer. The sprint began with VBS in June and ended with a Field Conference in August.

Mystery Island VBS: Our last week before summer furlough, June 15-19, was our busiest week of the year running the Mystery Island VBS focusing on the attributes of God. We decided to extend each day to 6 hours this year, so that it would be more like a day camp. God blessed us with 24 children including 13 first timers! Raivo was once again a great help by team teaching with me and running gametime. Angela made lunch for all and organized the crafts. Abigail assisted in assembly and ran the VBS store. Ryland impressed us by stepping up to give his testimony in Estonian, participating in the opening skits, and even learning how to be a spiritual "big brother" to some of the older boys. Pray for the 2 children who are interested in salvation.

Enrichment Week: If our last week in Estonia was busy, our first week back to the States was also a flurry of activity at BIMI's Enrichment Week. RoseLynn joined us that week, so that all 4 of our children participated in the teen activities which included food, fun, and a lack of sleep! Angela and I enjoyed a relaxed week (while overcoming jetlag) listening to some good preaching and enjoying the fellowship of other missionaries and BIMI staff.

Furlough Travels: When RoseLynn flew back to Pensacola, where she is studying at PCC and working the summer. The rest of us flew up to Minnesota to get our vehicle and begin our travels. We were so blessed to spend time with our families in Minnesota and Iowa. We also joined our extended family reunion in Independence, Kentucky for Angela's aunt and uncle's 50th wedding anniversary. The next stops were with supporting churches in Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, Michigan, Illinois, and Alabama. In all we traveled more than 6,500 miles!

Field Conference: After getting back home to Estonia on August 13th, we soon left to attend BIMI's European Field Conference in Switzerland. Mostly over jetlag, we were blessed to fellowship with missionaries who serve all over Europe. Bro. J. B. Godfrey encouraged us through his preaching, and the mountains stood as a monumental reminder to God's creative power and majesty. We then took a few days of family time to see some iconic sites in Italy. Finally, we flew back to the end of summer in Estonia!

Home at Last: Now it is time to invest all our energy into our church planting efforts here. We got back just in time to participate in the Peetri Café Day where we shared the Gospel with some and were a blessing to many. The Lord is leading me to take a more discipleship approach to our Bible Club and youth meetings. I have also felt a strong leading to invest more time in evangelism.

The summer sprint has come to a successful end, but now we are back into the Estonian marathon. Pray with us that the Lord would grant us a fruitful ministry this fall. Pray that He would lead us, and that we would follow his leading. Pray that the young people in our ministry would grow spiritually. Finally, pray that God would open up new doors of opportunity to reach more people than ever before!

Yours for Estonia,

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