



The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

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Dear Praying Friends,

We recently watched on live television thousands of happy Estonians in folk costumes marching in pouring rain from Freedom Square to the Song Festival Grounds in downtown Tallinn. It was an overcast day with frequent downpours, but choirs from all over Estonia smiled and waved at the festive crowds that lined the streets. The combined 23,000 member choir sang for the 2-day Song Festival to a sold out crowd of about 68,000. This is the most defining event for what it means to be Estonian, and nothing can hold back the national pride and sense of belonging. Yet, even this source of joy cannot be compared to the joy that God offers to us through Jesus, His Son!

This summer is proving to be a summer of sharing the secret to our joy: the hope we have in Jesus!

VBS: God blessed us this year with a great team of volunteers to make Vacation Bible School a success. Ryan and Zoe Bounds from Bethel Baptist Church in Virginia came to organize games and English lessons, and to assist with dozens of other activities during the week. Raivo was my team teacher this year, which lightened the teaching load for me and made the lessons much more engaging! Angela organized the crafts, snacks, and meals. We had five teen helpers this year including Ryland and Abigail. They helped with everything from PowerPoint to set-up and take-down to "Hey you, I need help with something!" God blessed us with 30 different children who heard a clear Gospel presentation and a dynamic, Bible lesson every day.

Outreach with Raivo: Sometimes God has to give me a bit of a prod to help me get out there and be bold in my witness. That prod has come in the form of a zealous soul winner, Raivo. We have been joining some local Christians in downtown Tallinn witnessing on the streets to young people, tourists, the homeless, and anyone else who will give us the time of day to share the Gospel. This has been an eye-opening experience for me. The best conversations are usually with young people who are still open and figuring out exactly what they believe. This has inspired us to begin regularly sharing the Gospel in our local parks here in Peetri, our immediate mission field! Pray that God would give us boldness and the fullness of His Spirit!

August Events: Also be in prayer for our August outreach events including the musical concert on August 7, the Peetri Fair on August 9, and the Peetri Café Day on August 31.

As moving as it was, the Song Festival and the joy that it gave is now over. Estonia has not always been and will not always be, but the joy that our eternal God offers will never end! Pray for us as we share this truth with skeptical Estonians both young and old.

Yours for Estonia,

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