



# The Willoughbys

Reaching the unreached in Estonia

March 2026

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Dear Praying Friends,

February 24<sup>th</sup> marked four years of war in Ukraine and 108 years since Estonia won its independence in 1918. The recent military operation against Iran and the retaliatory missile and drone strikes also bear witness that this world is broken, and that peace will not be achieved until Christ sets up His Kingdom on earth. I was able to mention this fact as a word of witness to an Estonian friend who asked me about my opinion on Trump's wisdom to make this bold move. Rather than get dragged into a hot debate on world politics, we must use these opportunities to share hope with a lost world!

**Youth Activities:** We continue to share hope with children and young people here in Estonia. The boys attending Bible Club earned a trip downtown for some mini golf! They seemed to have a good time, and we hope they are motivated to bring more of their friends and classmates to Bible Club. We have a great group of young people as well. Rainer is not a believer, but he mentioned to me recently that he has been researching Christianity on TikTok. Oskar joined us when we went snow tubing a couple of weeks ago. He also has yet to make a profession of faith, but was active in our youth group last month. He and Ramiro, who is from a Christian family, came to our board game event during school break. We have shared the Gospel with them many times, but we also just want to spend time with them and be their friend.

**Sledding Hill Evangelism:** January and February proved to be the coldest months we have experienced in several years! This gave us the opportunity to take advantage of all the snow and offer hot chocolate to the families on the sledding hill each Saturday. At first, many people thought we were a political party trying to win new voters, but now they understand that we are a local church sharing hope! God gave us good conversations each Saturday as we did our best to keep ourselves warm in the frigid temperatures.

**Church Life:** Our church attendance has remained the same in spite of the hope that we have been sharing on the sledding hill and with our friends. Raivo and I have started meeting for prayer on Friday mornings for encouragement as well as an informal event to which we can invite other men. A young woman temporarily working in Estonia has been attending our Tuesday night Bible Study. Her presence has been a blessing to us, and we have been a source of Christian fellowship to her in this pagan land.

Since the biblical understanding of hope is confidence that God will fulfill His promises, we know that people will come to Christ and that He will build His church, even in the least religious nation in the world. Please continue to pray for us!

Yours for Estonia,

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**Next Furlough: Summer 2026**

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