

NEWS from ESTONIA Ron & Judy Warpole

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*"Day and night they never stop saying:
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
WHO WAS, and IS, and IS TO COME."*

Revelation 4:8b

Dear Family & Friends

We send our mid-summer greetings to each of you with the inspired words of the apostle John, "*Grace and peace to you from him **who is, and who was, and who is to come*** (Revelation 1:4)."

As we share the news of the Lord's work in Estonia during the month of July, we can report with absolute certainty that He **WAS** with us every moment of every day, He **IS** with us now as we thank Him and prepare to follow up with the many people He has introduced into our lives, and He **IS TO COME** by faith that comes from hearing His Word as we share the gospel when each opportunity is given to us in preparing for His ultimate coming on the last day.

WAS

- Camp 2008 blessed every one—young and old campers, visiting helpers from America, members of the church and new people who read a Bible for the first time, and special friends who came for a day's visit.



- A day with a small Moravian congregation in south Estonia where Ron preached and we enjoyed sharing Christ's love, made new friends, and now pray for opportunities to open the word together.
- Two weeks with Dave & Audrey Stevens, and their three children—Lauren, Whitney, and Logan. Dave is the Family Life minister with the church on McDermott Road in Plano, Texas. In Tallinn, there were 2 evening seminars, a women's class at Olga's house, youth activities and devotionals, and small group seminars regarding God's plan for building strong families. In Tartu we had a wonderful afternoon lesson and discussion to which several responded with repentance and faith-filled decisions regarding their future mates.

IS

- August is always a time of rest and relaxation for the members of the church. It gives us opportunities for casual meetings to develop friendships, time to study the word 1-on-1 with those who have more time because they are "on vacation", and worship services on Sundays when we focus on those who ARE there rather than on those who are not there.
- Eeva-Liisa Enok (now 15 years old) is spending some time with us in Tartu this week. She and her mother, our dear sister Eve, visited with us for the afternoon on Monday. Eve is now a grandmother; Marek, her eldest son, and Krissu presented her with baby Markus in July. This was the first time we have seen Eve in two years. We miss her very much; she and Eeva-Liisa now live in Stoke-on-Trent, England.

IS TO COME

- Andre and Sveta welcomed their precious baby daughter Olivia into their family in July. We have not yet seen Olivia in person, but plan to do so as soon as we return to Tallinn. A wonderful photo collage is below. You may remember that Andre and Sveta are the first of our young people to marry in the Lord in Estonia.



- In our prayers as we prepare for the Autumn return to a more routine schedule are many for whom we request your prayers. Please pray hearts will be "good soil", ready to receive "gospel seeds" or to grow in spirit and truth. A few specific names are: Katja, Maart, Mikkel, Hans, Tiina, Tomas, Erika, Ebo, Merle, Nadja, Sasha, Lena, Aleks, Tatjana, Misha, Margit to name just a few who are open to 1-on-1 studies.

And now in closing we send you our love and these words from Paul:

*"Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ.
He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us,
and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit,
guaranteeing what is to come."*

(2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

Please continue to pray with us! Soon may we rejoice with the angels in heaven because those He has introduced to us will be added to the family of God! How wonderful it will be to lift our voices together at His coming!

Ron & Judy