



The Smith Family: *Serving in Estonia*

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Blessings and Heartaches!

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Please note the new address of our church as of November: West Coast Baptist Church 1985 Peacock Blvd, Oceanside, CA 92056. All other addresses for the church are null and void, including the recent change.

The last two months seemed like an extended game of Whack-A-Mole except sometimes we were wielding the hammer and sometimes we were the moles!

My mother purchased me a ticket to the States to assist her with some domestic chores. Just before leaving, my brother, who is a farmer, was rushed to the hospital for an appendectomy. Since this was the middle of harvest, he really was happy for my assistance. Please pray for Kevin to be saved!

Don, my 86 year-old stepfather, passed out while we were together for about 10-15 minutes, though the doctors could not give a reason. Many speculate that had I not been there, he would have died. He was saved and baptized last year, praise the Lord!

Penny's mother, Dixie, was recovering from heart surgery and was not doing well, so while I was still in the States, we got Penny a ticket to return for her mother. Penny said, "I don't want to return for a funeral!"



Just a couple of days after returning to Estonia, I was the guest speaker for the Marine Corps Ball. What an opportunity to share the Gospel with not only the ambassadorial staff but also the embassy security detachment and NATO militaries. Amen!

Right after the Ball, Penny flew out to see her mom. Praise the Lord – Penny got there in time to spend the afternoon with her mother the day that she passed away. Dixie also claimed Christ as Saviour – amen!

Penny, returning only a day and a half before Thanksgiving, was able to prepare a meal for 20 people with the help of Ljuda, one of our members. In attendance were: Kuldar, our landlord, and Hendrik, our neighbor (both seated on the left middle) and Mait & Piret Kutser (both sides of Luke). Amen!



Many of you have heard of the Wesco family's tragedy (missionaries to Cameroon). Charles, the father, was shot and killed causing Stephanie to return to the USA with their 8 children. Just days later, I was on the bus and noticed a black woman. Figuring that she was either American or African, I approached her and offered her a tract. Anne now comes to services and recently brought a friend, Michela. They are both from **Cameroon!**



We got a message recently that one of the missionary families here in Estonia is leaving the field after 10 years of struggling to start a work. **We could really use a young couple** with some grit and energy that would be willing to work with us to see this work progress into the future. **Would you pray about asking God to send you?**

Please keep praying for **John Moses** (grad-student from India). He has been coming faithfully but will need a job if he is to stay in Estonia.

In the Master's Service,
The Smiths

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