



The Smith Family: *Serving in Estonia*

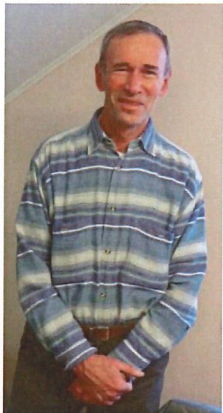
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2020 Vision!

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AS 2019 came to a close, we started feeling like punch-drunk boxers against the ropes – *so many people with so many problems!* Our attendances have plummeted but providing solutions to problems is why God has called us to Estonia!

Whatever the reason, be it the culture or climate, a cloud of depression has settled over this country.



Alex is always affected by depression during the dark months of winter. (In Estonia, winter can be experienced in ANY month that either has an “a” somewhere in the name, or ends in “ber” – brrrrr.) This was the worst that he has ever had to fight. His depression has caused him to be physically ill. To make things even worse, his depression masked symptoms of an even greater malady: cancer.

Alex is currently undergoing tests to determine the proper course of treatment. Our concern is that since the diagnosis was so delayed due to his depression, that Alex may not even be treatable. Alex is STILL LOST, so pray for his spiritual AND physical healing.

Lavender and **Shawn** are having some very real concerns about safety. Threats to their safety have followed them from Kenya; serious enough that the Kenyan ambassador to Sweden (closest embassy to Estonia) actually flew to Tallinn to

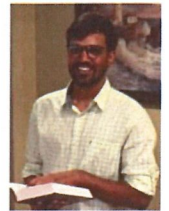


meet with them. Pray that this situation gets resolved.



Riivo contacted me to let me know that he is not going to be coming for a bit as he has to sort out some “personal issues”. PLEASE pray that Riivo returns.

John-Moses is still studying in Lisbon, Portugal, but is in contact with us. We pray for his safe return.



On the positive side, Ariel from Costa Rica is still coming and has been a huge blessing on the piano.

Please pray for the **Lewis**’. They desperately need to find housing; the home they currently rent is being sold.



I have been teaching about 20/20 vision. This is a foreign concept since it is based on feet not meters. Nevertheless, we have been trying to challenge our members to look beyond their own horizons; to get a vision for the lost. On multiple occasions when Jesus saw the need, He was moved with compassion. That is our emphasis for 20/20 vision – seeing and being moved.

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?*

In the Master’s Service,
The Smiths

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