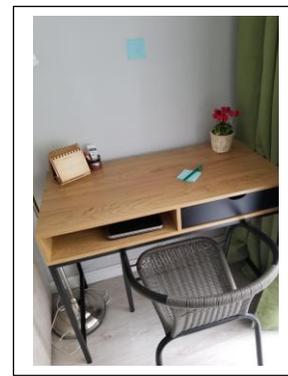


HOPE FOR ESTONIA

September Edition



COMING SOON

This next weekend we will be joining the congregation in the capital city for their retreat and learn about self-love. It will be nice to reconnect with the other part of the Body here in Estonia.

Annet, the daughter of a member of the congregation here will also be turning 5 this weekend. I am excited to play with her and her sister and see their youthful wonder and excitement.

GREETINGS FROM ESTONIA

It has been an exciting month here in Estonia as school starts and all the activities that come with it. This week is Student week here in Tartu with many opportunities to meet and mingle with students.

A Focused Work Space

I am super overly excited about my new desk as pictured in the top right corner. I enjoy meeting people in coffee shops or finding a cozy corner to study and write my newsletters and so on, but I have been dreaming of having a desk at home for some time. Not having a car, it was not very high on my list for the work it would take to carry it home on a bus and assemble. With the tremendous help of my teammate Randall who carried the box for me, I managed to put it together with a Swiss Army pocketknife. So, welcome to my office. I have been praying for the projects I am and will be working on this desk and look forward to the day we can rent our own building and office space. In the meantime, I am thankful for the blessing I have of being a full-time advocate for Jesus and the Bible here where it is so desperately needed.

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Psalms 93:1



Making compost boxes

TALGUD; A COMMUNITY PROJECT ENDING IN FOOD

On Saturday mornings I have had the opportunity to work in a community garden along the river. It has been a great way to get my hands dirty and serve the community as well as meet and serve with Estonians and fellow foreigners. Pictured left are the two girls I spent the morning making compost boxes with, the week before we made a permacultural layered plant bed with logs, branches, mulch, and compost. It reminds me of the imagery of God as a master gardener in the beginning, and gives me an opportunity to share this with other gardeners.

NOT PICTURED

Things I don't have pictures of but are an important part of my week and month are my Estonian classes, personal discipleship, personal Bible study, an exegetical study of Galatians with Astrid, and the organizing of the slides for Sunday, and so on. I am challenged and blessed to rep Jesus here.



Group retreat photo: one friend from Nigeria, two from Estonia, and one from Latvia joined us for our one- night Fellowship in the Forest

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FELLOWSHIP IN THE FORREST

This last weekend Randall and I hosted our first retreat specifically designed for our skeptic friends. The topic was “Is there credability for God and why does it matter?” It was a great oppourtuny to get out of town, plan an event in Estonia that will clear the path for more in the future. It was good to share with the girls there, to be challenged by their quesitons and to create a safe space for diffiult topics to be discussed.

With this event I am in the process of launching two Facebook Groups. One is called “Is Jesus Beleiveable?” and the other is called, “Women Seeking Jesus” These will be a good places to post videos with answers to commonly asked questions as well as to share high quality vidoes and answers that often do not come with a simple Youtube or Google search.

CONNECTING WITH LOCALS

Game nights and volunteer meetings have started at Agape again. Last week I had the opportunity to share some mini American apple pies with the volunteers (yes, really, they do not have them here) It has been good to see and reconnect with people after the summer. Please pray with me that God will continue to draw and soften hearts. We also had one girl from France who joined us last Sunday who had come to a game night. I pray God will continue to use the location as a bridge from the gaming community to the community of Jesus followers.



Pictured right is my friend Vero and Mikk who she invitied me to dinner with and asked me to share about Jesus and New Testament Christianity