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# Chase & Vaida Smith

Missionaries to Lithuania

...whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Cor 10:31

Pastor and praying friends,

Thanks for your constant prayer and support, especially while I am going through Language School!! Wow, learning Lithuanian isn't for the lazy (or anyone over 30)!! I have finished about five weeks of class, and I am amazed at how much they cram into your brains in that short amount of time! My wife has told me many times that she wouldn't be able to teach me her language, and now I see why. Grammatically, Lithuanian is quite challenging, and they say it is the 2nd hardest language to learn. The words are not difficult to memorize, but learning and remembering all the rules that accompany said words makes it tricky. I am also learning not to compare English to Lithuanian, because it will jumble up what you want to say, and make you sound confused, i.e. word for word translations don't work here like they do with other languages. The fact that we are in country makes it much easier though, as I can use what I learn everyday in town, and my wife has been a HUGE help in my learning. She helps with my homework when I don't understand something, helps with my pronunciation, explains why certain words are used and why, etc.. We also made a bunch of flash cards which is helping build up my vocabulary. Our mid-terms are coming up in about a week and a half, so again, your prayers are much appreciated!!

My permit came back approved to live here for five years!! We just have to go back to Kuršėnai (my wife's hometown) to pick my id in a couple of weeks.

Thanks and God bless!!  
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