



Chase & Vaida Smith

Missionaries to Lithuania

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

1 Cor 10:31

Pastor and praying friends,

Thank you all for your continual prayers!! Well, we are all moved out of my mother in law's and into our new apartment in Kuršėnai. There are still some furniture items that we will need, but they can wait as we have other things that are more important to focus on at the moment, one of them being an upcoming and unplanned trip to the States. About a week ago, my wife heard on the news that Lithuania is planning on voting to allow their citizens to have dual citizenship (as of now they don't), unlike last time they are now letting the people decide, and not the parliament. That would be a huge blessing for us if my wife would be able to get American citizenship, and retain her Lithuanian citizenship, so we started some research. We would need to come back into the states to apply, but my wife has been out of the States for longer than a year, so that voided out her green card. Then my wife got ahold of the US embassy over here, and they told/showed her a rule that states that while doing missionary work for extended periods of time with/for a religious denomination recognized by the States, does not interrupt their time as a legal permanent resident. Simply stated: said person can be outside of the States for longer than a year, and will not void their green card. That is some outstanding news!! Now the vote for dual citizenship doesn't take place for about a year, but Vaida's green card expires in about a month and a half, so we need to come back to get her green card renewed, then work on her American citizenship, all while praying for the upcoming vote. Before we left the States, we had an appointment with Immigration, and they said that Vaida would lose her card, and there wasn't anything we could do, but now we have been told that she is exempt from the one year rule. God is good!!!

We have a lot to do, so we will be back for about two and a half months, and then return to Lithuania. The Lord has already worked out the logistics of our flights to and from the States, but we don't have anything else scheduled. We will be visiting some churches while we are back, but are unsure with whom all we be able to visit. The majority of our time will be in Southern Indiana, as Vaida's green card appointment will be in Indianapolis, so we cannot stray too far from there. We will have to apply for her renewal after we get in the States, and there is no telling when they will give her an appointment, so we cannot promise to visit anyone as of yet. Please keep us in your prayers as we plan out this trip, also please be in prayer about Lithuania's vote on dual citizenship.

Thanks and God bless!!

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