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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 prayers, we have started having services here in Kuršėnai! We had our first service a couple Sundays ago with four visitors, and last Sunday we had six visitors! Vaida has been translating the messages for me, however I am able to lead songs, as we often work on them to get my pronunciation right. We have over 60 hymns in Lithuanian!

We have a date for a Curriers for Christ campaign! It will be June 11-21, 2019, and will be on a first come/first serve basis. I have included one brochure (that can be copied and mailed out), and some guidelines from Curriers for Christ. So get signed up, and come help some in Lithuania!

Please continue to pray for my language learning. We have not found a private for me yet, but will continue to look. The last person that said she would do it had a death in the family and some other hardships, so she doesn't want to commit right now. My other option would be to take the bus to a neighboring town for classes (they are more expensive, plus would have transportation costs as well). I have been getting some practice when I go outside to work on some projects though. Quite a few school kids will show up to watch me work, and want to talk. About half of them speak English, but the ones that don't speak Lithuanian to me, and are very patient when I don't understand, and go to great lengths to explain what they are saying. It is funny to see the looks on their faces when I don't understand somethings, because they can't comprehend why someone isn't able to understand what they are saying!

Please also pray that we are able to reach the people here with the gospel. In the past two months, two of our neighbors have died. I'm not talking people in neighboring buildings, but in the same stairwell as us! One was an alcoholic man that lived in the apartment right next to our's, and he died after he stumbled into the lake and drowned (he lived with his parents, one of whom died in Jan). Next a man about three floors up died of cancer a couple of days ago. Those are two (three if you include the first man's father) souls that we will never be able to reach. We try to do what we can to show them that we care, try to bring them dinner (they don't always let you), bring them some homemade bread (while they might not let you make them dinner, they rarely refuse some fresh bread), invite them to church, let them know that we are praying for them, I don't know if we will reach them, but I pray and hope we do. Thanks for your support and prayers!!!

Thanks and God bless!! Chase and Vaida Smith

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