



Chase & Vaida Smith

Missionaries to Lithuania

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

1 Cor 10:31

Pastor and praying friends,

We hope everyone had a great thanksgiving! We have a new address! We have actually had it for a while now, I just kept forgetting to put it in a prayer letter. I realize this may not be the best time to be changing addresses (during the holiday season), however it is at the bottom of this letter under contact info.

Please continue to pray for our bible study. We have been going through the book of John, and I thought that it would elicit somewhat negative responses as it flies in the face of most religions with how John is always pointing to Jesus. Man likes to think that they contribute more to their salvation than simply the sins that made it necessary, yet there has been no complaining nor upset voices, in fact we have had some new visitors. Having said that, we are slowly working on a couple right now that really needs Jesus. They did not get married in the Catholic church, so they are not allowed to go to confession to have their sins forgiven. Unfortunately you see this kind of thing often over here, as many religions bully people if they don't toe the line. Vaida was able to take the wife through the Romans Road, and show her how there is freedom in Christ. We are praying for them to get saved, and to start coming to our bible study.

A couple of weeks ago we had a nice treat, a couple came from Vilnius and stayed the weekend with us. They helped us out by going door knocking with us, and got a lot more invitations into the hands of the people, they also were a huge encouragement during our bible study, as my buddies wife gave her testimony (she is Lithuanian, he is American), and they are both strong singers! We also had some great fellowship with them, and hope they are able to come back more often in the future.

Our mass outreach with Couriers for Christ is getting a lot closer! They will be sending three men next month to do some more research on the areas that we would like to reach during their time here. Of course we plan on reaching our town, but there are a few surrounding villages we would like to canvass, as well as the big city next door, Šiauliai. We are also excited to see Bro Don again, as we haven't seen him since our trip to Alaska, a little over two years ago! There is still much needed planing prior to the actual campaign in June 2019, so please remember to pray for that!

I also wanted to give you an update on my attempts to witness to the neighbor kids. I have had to put that on hold. The last time I was talking to them in the courtyard, they all started yelling out the worst profanity in English, because it is obviously the best way to show your prowess in a language, right? There was about 25-ish 9-10 year olds, and they all started yelling it loudly, so instead of getting mad, I left. There was a very weird spirit about the air, and knowing how easy it is to ruin your testimony I decided it would be better to try and work with them in smaller groups. I haven't seen them lately, because the courtyard is all torn up due to construction. Please pray that if I do get the chance to work with them that they will be receptive to the gospel.

Thanks and God bless!!

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