

AIMing for Finland



Keilalahti Bay, Keilaniemi, Espoo



The Swords: FAMILY UPDATE

Our residence permit renewals are still underway. Our daughters have enrolled in the High School in Espoonlahti. The Lord has provided work for Amy (located near central Helsinki), and Philip is also in the final stages of interviews with an employer (located in Espoo).

1-MIN FOCUS

We have begun a new season, and God has provided a place to live in the Espoo area, in Saunalahti. Whereas Forssa has a population of about 16,000 people, Saunalahti is a part of Greater Espoonlahti. The Greater Espoonlahti area is home to approximately 60,000 people, while the entire population of Espoo is around 320,000.

This move enables us to be more actively involved in the ministry of the Espoo congregation. We are grateful that the Lord is allowing us to participate in His Kingdom. He has provided every resource to make this transition possible, and so we look forward to sowing seeds in this area and making disciples at every opportunity!

FUN FACT:

In 1929, Espoo was mostly Swedish-speaking. As Helsinki grew, it dramatically altered the area's culture and population. Espoo officially became a city in 1972. It's a scenic area, with 95 lakes and 165 islands!

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Left: Espoonlahden Lukio. Right: Worshipping with the Espoo congregation (Sept 21).

THE MISSION

In September, we finalized the details necessary to move out of our apartment and leave Forssa. This required a solid 3-4 weeks of solid preparation, and we were able to complete the move in a single day.

Our home is now a part of the newly launched cell group ministry within the Espoo area. Bishop Mark Alphin is currently training our family in meeting structure and how the group will function.



Thank you for your continued support!

As we move forward, we invite you to continue partnering with us. Please consider uniting with us in prayer, donating to our AIM fund through a one-time offering, or becoming a Partner-in-Missions (PIM) through monthly financial support. God will richly bless your giving in whatever form it may be!

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