

# Monthly Newsletter

REACHING ESTONIA

December 2025

## Sledding our way through December.

Hello! Tere! Привет! Welcome back to our family, friends, and new readers of our Reaching Estonia Newsletter! We hope you have been enjoying this holiday season just as much as us.

In Tallinn on December 7<sup>th</sup>, the church had their Christmas Candlelight Service. We gathered together to celebrate the greatest gift ever given, Jesus. There was a wonderful move of the spirit and Pastor Nate Turner preached a wonderful message on "The Fulness of Time". After service, there was time for food and fellowship and it was a blessed time.

While we were there, we joined the Turners, Moseses, and other church members as went and visited the elderly people who are not able to make it to the church building. We sang carols, fellowshipped, and ate food together as we celebrate the holidays.

In Tartu on December 13<sup>th</sup>, we had a Christmas Party with our youth group. Jesse taught a meaningful message of Jesus's birth. The youth enjoyed every minute from the message, to food, to the games.

We have stayed disciplined in our Midweek Tartu Bible Studies and finished the book of Acts. It was a great reminder of how the first church began and the teachings of salvation.

Our Estonian class has wrapped up like a beautiful present for the year. We are incredibly proud of the progress we've made and thankful for how far the Lord has brought us in learning the language.

From December 19th through the remainder of the month, we were based in Tallinn while Bro. and Sis. Turner were away visiting their son in America for Christmas. We ensured that everything continued to run as usual while they were away.

During this time, we were able to spend time with the youth group in Tallinn, and it was so much fun.

Thank you for taking the time to read our final newsletter of 2025. We hope each of you had a Merry Christmas! And have a Happy New Year!

## Fun Facts about Estonia's Christmas and New Year's Eve Traditions

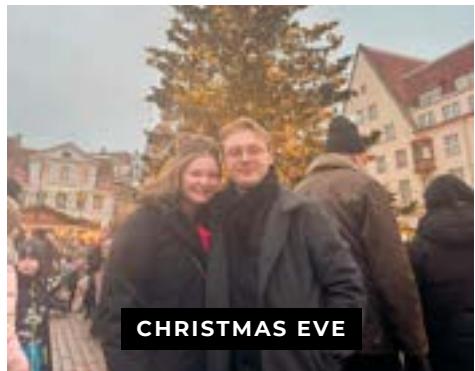
- Tallinn was the first European city to have a public Christmas tree in 1441.
- During Soviet occupation, Christmas was banned. People would celebrate the holiday unofficially during that period.
- Children leave out socks for an elf to come fill them by the windowsills with a treat before Christmas Eve.
- For New Year's it is considered lucky to have 7, 9, or 12 food dishes.
- Gingerbread is a popular dessert for Christmas and New Year's Eve.
- Homes are cleaned before midnight of New Year's.



TALLINN CHRISTMAS MARKET

*Jesse & Abigail  
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# Highlights



## Appreciation

As always, we want to take a moment to express a heartfelt gratitude to all our supporters.

Each one of you has blessed us in different ways - prayer, fasting, financial giving, and encouragement. Your sacrifice has allowed for us to keep our ministry going here in Estonia. Thank you so much for being vital part in our mission to spread the gospel. May God bless you abundantly as you continue to invest in what truly lasts.

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*See you next year!*

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