# **Sampson Ministries**

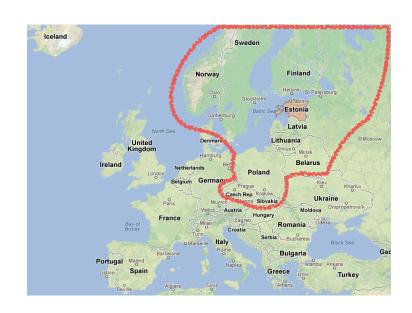
Reaching Russians for Christ in the Gulf of Finland region.

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# **Our Family**



Greetings! We are the Sampson family and have been serving as missionaries since 2001. To introduce ourselves, I am Keith and God has blessed me and my wife Lisa with three amazing children: Candice, Corissa, and Phillip. I grew up in Baltimore, Maryland while my wife grew up in Taiwan as a missionary kid. After we graduated from Baptist Bible College in Missouri, Lisa and I were married in the year 1991. Soon after, I took an associate pastorate position and in three years I became the head pastor. After six years of working in this church, God laid a burden on our hearts to reach a region of the world that is desperate for missionaries. Many miles and prayers later, we arrived in St. Petersburg, Russia, but eventually, due to visa difficulties, we moved to Narva, Estonia, and have been residing there since 2009.



### **Our Field**

We are the only BBFI missionaries to Estonia. Currently there are <u>no</u> BBFI missionaries in Northwest Russia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Latvia, Belarus, Poland, and Czech Republic. There are well over 100 million people in this region of Europe and few missionaries from any Baptist organization.

# **Our Purpose**

Evangelism, soul-winning, discipleship, leadership training, and church planting.





Our soccer ministry is one of our more fruitful ministries. The whole purpose of this ministry is to reach Russian teens with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The ministry grew to 10 different teams from three different cities BUT due to lack of support we have had to drop this ministry. Until further funds can be raised, it will remain idle.



### **Our Goals**



#### Our vision is two fold:

- 1. To continue focusing on evangelism by finding creative ways to share the gospel and to expand our outreach with soccer, family game nights, seminars on family life, movie nights, street evangelism, homework club for teens, and an English club.
- 2. To organize a local church through evangelism, community involvement, and themed Bible studies.

To learn more about our goals, go to keithsampson.com - Our Ministry - page.

## **Our Needs**

#### Urgent need to re-raise support.

Due to the economic decline and some churches refocusing or reorganizing their missions funding: we have had some churches drop or lower our support. This has made the need to raise new support vital. We have had to scale down to only the bare necessities and drop the soccer ministry. We ask that you pray for this need and see what you can do to bring the gospel to those who need it so desperately.



#### Van rust needs to be fixed.

Our Transporter 1995 Volkswagen van has become increasingly rusty over the years, and the harsh winters have only been making the need to fix it greater and greater. The engine is running great but but body is starting to rust out quickly. We are afraid that a couple more winters may make the rust repair to costly. If we get the repairs for this winter, the estimate for the repair is \$3,000.

#### Soccer ministry needs to be restarted.

One of our main outreaches to the youth in Narva has been our soccer ministry, but since our support has been getting lower, we have been forced to drop this outreach. Please pray what you can do to help support our soccer ministry. Pray God will move in the hearts of churches to take us on for support. This ministry touches the lives of many young people and we pray God can use these young people to train up in His work.

