The Grotkes Daniel, Holly, Susanna, Ethan, Molly, Gabriel & Else



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." I Thessalonians 5:24. We are praising the Lord these months for His unfailing provision. Financially, through you faithful saints, and very exciting- new folks added to the small church here! The reward of life and new opportunities that spring brings here in Norway is exponentially sweetened by the contrast of the dark, cold, snow, and longevity of arctic winter. Observing people's mood shift effected by sunlight and warmth reminds me of our years in Alaska. In like manner, when a soul receives the light and warmth of God's truth, there is a radical, visible transformation- thank God!

Ministry

It's a blessing to be able to report the work the Lord is doing in the church. We have recently seen grace work restoration with a Christian family we first ministered with here in Norway. This is very encouraging to all. Various levels of discipleship and counseling continue as well with several church members. Stian has decided to be baptized in Oslo fjord in May. Yes, the water will be quite refreshing (hopefully up to 50° F by then!) Many of his friends and family have already cut contact with him for his stand. Pray for Stian's faith and steadfastness.

Also, we asked prayer last letter that the Lord would send someone to help with registering the church here. He provided a Pentecostal believer with over 30 year's experience on various mission fields, as well as Norway. With much advice, we held an informal business meeting and are excited to see the church folks coming together to move forward as a body for Christ's glory.

A couple of weeks ago, the Lord also added Filip and Zenee, and we are blessed to have them. They are both newly saved, and engaged to marry this summer. They will legally marry at the courthouse, but would like a church blessing also. What a thrill to see folk enjoy and want to be a part of God's work.

Family

We are thankful to have so far missed out on several rounds of the flu plaguing folks. Ethan is excited to be finishing his vocational schooling for carpentry in June. The Lord has pro-

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vided him an apprenticeship in Trondheim, where he can not only complete his required 2 years of work, but also be with some godly young men his age who strive to live for the Lord. We are happy for him as he sees the Lord's leading in his life.

Molly finishes "middle school" (school here is divided by 1st-6th, 8th-10th, then 3 years of high school) in June, then will finish the rest of her school from home online. She is a blessing with her servant's heart.

Holly and I celebrate 23 years of marriage in March! We are so thankful for the godly examples we have had, and much counsel to help us live life more abundantly in Christ together. She is an invaluable asset to this ministry and minister.

Gratitude

Bob Jones Sr. said, "When gratitude dies in the heart of a man, that man is well nigh hopeless." Words alone cannot express the gratitude like the spirit of our heart can in person. I trust those of you who know us will feel our deepest appreciation in supporting us through the crazy expense, trials, and difficulties this field presents. It has been tough, but "greater is he that is in (us) than he who is in the world." Together with Christ Jesus, we are on the winning side. Stay faithful and thankful until we are at his side, our bridegroom and King of Kings.

Love in Christ Jesus,

Brother Daniel and family