



November-December 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As each passing year comes to an end, it's always a blessing to ponder on the details our amazing Father cared for. I trust that you too will see not only the provisions He so amply supplies, but Him the Provider.

Work

November 10th was my final workday for Byggmester Evensen. I was able to complete the addition/renovation and leave very satisfied customers and boss. I am thankful for the company, as they made it possible for us to move to Norway in the first place. It was a blessing to work for Christian employers, as well as learn the culture through relationships with coworkers and customers.

Thanksgiving

Missionaries Russ and Beth Holland from Stavanger joined us for my favorite holiday. We had several days of wonderful fellowship and thanksgiving together. Also, Ethan's carpentry teacher Lars and his American wife joined us for Thanksgiving dinner. We were all encouraged by testimonies of Jesus Christ's salvation, and how they have been able to be testimonies for Jesus in the schools they work in.

Ministry/Meeting

In November, we were blessed to have a young girl named Ivy start coming to church. She is here from the Philippines working as an au pair for two years. She was referred to us by a missionary in Iceland where she lived before Norway. We were happy to be able to provide some Christian fellowship for her in her new country. We have also learned of another young lady from Greece who wishes to begin coming.

A week before Thanksgiving, Holly and I drove to Gothenburg, Sweden, to visit with Asra and her husband Emmanuel. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner and fellowship. Her unsaved husband was very kind. He obviously had been considering salvation, as he had questions on the authenticity of the Scripture, but the conversation kept getting derailed. This past Sunday Asra told us that she believes he became a Christian within the last few weeks! She said she was surprised because he began to be convicted about his sin, so she asked him if he got saved. He said, "I think so!" Praise the Lord! Asra is an exemplary illustration of a Christian winning the unbelieving by her conversation.

The year's biggest event for our church was the New Year's meeting Dec. 29-Jan. 1. A lot of preparation went into it for weeks beforehand with food, invitations, etc. I was even able to finally build a small,

The Grotkes

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



Norway

much-needed pulpit.

Pastor Paul Robinson and family flew in on December 27th. The meetings went very well with much singing, specials, and practical Bible preaching. We had a record of 38 folks Friday night with several first time visitors. One of our visitors was an older lady from North Norway named Elizabeth. We see her hitch-hiking every Sunday as we are driving to church, and we give her a ride, as she gives us a ten minute Norwegian lesson. We were blessed that she came and brought her friend. One of the greatest blessings from the meeting was to be able to see the dedication and service to others that our regular folks displayed. It was a blessing to hear the good feedback from all who attended.

Family

All the kids are doing well in school. At the fall parent-teacher's meetings, all of teachers seemed genuinely surprised that homeschooled kids could adapt so easily socially into school. One comment that they all made was that they are able to connect with children of any age, not just their own. We are relieved that they do not have any struggles academically either.

It was a blessing to have Susanna home for Christmas. Although her stay was short and overlapped with the busyness of the meeting, we enjoyed her music and part in our family life.

Ethan turned 18 on January 4th and is close to getting his driver's license here. He works hard at school, piano, and cello, as well as helping us with church and work projects.

Thank You

In closing, we thank you all for your faithful prayers and support through the year. Your extra gifts and words of encouragement through December meant a great deal to us. You are much appreciated.

Pray for the growth of the church here as God wills. Pray for me as I begin a B1 Norwegian course in Oslo for the next six weeks to help me reach the next level of fluency. Pray for faithfulness until our Lord's return.

Love in Christ Jesus,

Brother Daniel and family

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